

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I bring a guest?

Your guest will need to register for the conference and pay the registration fee. Please click [here](#) for the registration link.

2. I'm unable to attend on Saturday or Sunday. Is it possible to register for a Friday master class?

NO, you must register for the conference in order to attend a Friday master class.

3. How will I receive ZOOM links to the conference?

You will receive an email shortly before the conference with relevant ZOOM links to the events you have registered for. The ZOOM links will be uniquely paired to the email address you used to register.

4. Are scholarships available for the conference?

YES, Kweli has limited scholarships. If you are interested in a scholarship, you must complete an application form and submit a statement of financial need, a short essay explaining your interest in attending the conference, and a writing or illustration sample. **THE APPLICATION WINDOW IS JANUARY 25TH, 2021 - FEBRUARY 15th, 2021.** Please email editors@kweljournal.org if you have any questions.

Application link: <https://forms.gle/BaRcgiS2TKGLE5bx6>

5. I applied for a manuscript critique OR portfolio review. When is the deadline for submission?

Your manuscript for the critique session must be sent via email to editors@kweljournal.org by Sunday, March 7th, 11:59pm (i.e., 5 - 10 pages ONLY, in standard manuscript format). Include a synopsis if you are submitting an excerpt from a middle grade or young adult novel.

6. What should I expect with the manuscript critique?

This year, the manuscript critiques and portfolio reviews will be scheduled on Friday, April 9 OR Sunday, April 11th. The editor or agent you have selected has spent time preparing a thoughtful and carefully considered critique for you. Please listen to the editor or agent closely during the manuscript critique session, without interruption. Once they have finished, you will be able to ask a few questions. Please note that each critique is limited to 12 minutes. Time keepers will assure that the critique sessions start on time and end on time.

7. Does Kweli have a sexual harassment policy?

The Kweli Conference is dedicated to providing a safe, respectful, and harassment-free conference experience for everyone, regardless of gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, body size, race, age, or religion. We will not tolerate harassment or abuse in any form of conference attendees or presenters. Harassment under this policy may include verbal comments, written comments, displayed images, or behaviors such as intimidation, stalking, body policing, unwelcome photography or recording, sustained disruption of talks or other events, inappropriate physical contact, unwelcome sexual attention or advances, and bullying or coercion. Participants asked to stop any harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately; those judged to violate these guidelines may be expelled from the conference without a refund at the discretion of the conference organizers. Should you wish to report an incident, please send an email addressed to assistant coordinator, **Emily Mei Lau**, or conference director, **Laura Pegram** at **editors@kwelijournal.org**.

8. How does limited seating work for ROUNDTABLES?

Roundtables on **Sunday, April 11th** have limited seating (8-10 people). Spots at these roundtables are given out on a first come, first serve basis. Early registration is your best bet. Approximately 10-15% of the Roundtable seats will be set aside for scholarship recipients.

9. What is your policy on recording conference events or critiques?

By registering for this conference, you acknowledge that audio taping, videotaping, and/or transmitting or aiding in any of the foregoing of any part of the conference (including, but not limited to, presentations, individual sessions, and networking events) is prohibited. Additionally, the material in all handouts and presentations is copyrighted and may not be reprinted, blogged, written, orally transmitted, and/or reproduced without written permission from the copyright holder only. This policy includes the content of our speakers' talks, workshops, and/or handouts. If you are found in violation of the above, Kweli reserves the right to remove you from the Conference and bar you from attending future conferences. This falls into the category of protecting intellectual property.

10. What is your cancellation policy?

There is an administrative charge of \$50.00 for cancellation.

Cancel by February 21st, 2021- Your refund amount is the purchase price, less the non refundable administrative charge of \$50.00.

Cancel by March 7th, 2021 – 50% credit for a future Kweli event

Cancel by March 21st, 2021 – 25% credit for a future Kweli event

No refunds for cancellations received after March 21st, 2021

No refund on one-on-one, Critiques, Workshop Intensive fees after March 21st, 2021