

The Grannie Annie Official Guidelines

For Students in U.S. Grades 4–8, and Homeschooled or International Students 9–14 Years of Age

You are invited to submit a story from an earlier generation of your family, following The Grannie Annie Official Guidelines. Your story—a story from before you were born—can be humorous, tragic, or inspirational. It can be a story of courage, adventure, or anything you find interesting about your family’s past.

Please read these submission details carefully before you begin to write:

- A story that is chosen for publication in *Grannie Annie, Vol. 15*, will retell a story from your family’s history—a **story from before your birth**—so that the reader appreciates it in the same way you do. The following criteria will also be considered: overall effectiveness, organization, development, use of language, and mechanical correctness—spelling, punctuation, usage, etc.
- Your story must be 275–500 words long and must be submitted in English. For stories written in a language other than English, please submit the original story as well as the English translation. The translator of your story does not have to meet the grade/age requirements of The Grannie Annie.
- Choose an interesting title for your work, including details from your story. For example, “Lost in the Blizzard” sounds more exciting than “My Great-Uncle Ted.”
- Your story **must be written by you**.
- If possible, please type and double-space your story using a standard, easily readable 12-point font. Print it one-sided, in black ink, on 8½” x 11” white paper, or submit it in an e-mail or attached as a Word document. Stories may also be neatly hand printed **in ink** on standard-size lined paper. **Please do not staple.**
- Do **not** write your name on the pages of your story.
- Do **not** include a cover page. Please include your story’s title on the first page of your story.
- Stories will not be returned. Be sure to keep a copy for yourself.
- A completed Submission Form must accompany each story. **Please do not staple.**
- Story submissions must be mailed or e-mailed on or before February 1, 2020. Illustration submissions must be mailed on or before March 1, 2020. Please see Submission Form for details.
- Published authors and illustrators will receive unlimited free downloads of the PDF edition of *Grannie Annie, Vol. 15*, and are invited to share the books with family members and friends.
- If you choose to submit a drawing that illustrates your story, it must measure 6 1/4” x 11”. It must be in black ink on white paper, and may include pencil shading. The illustration may be drawn by you or by someone else who meets the grade/age requirements of The Grannie Annie. If someone other than you illustrates your story, that person must also submit a completed Submission Form. Illustrations will not be considered in selecting stories for publication. In addition, the selection of a story does not guarantee that an illustration submitted with that story will also be published. All illustrators of published drawings will be credited. Send original illustrations only, not copies. You may include a SASE for return of your illustration. Illustrations must be mailed on or before March 1, 2020.
- Stories published by The Grannie Annie will not be considered for publication in future annual volumes.
- The decisions of the selection committee are final.
- Because stories are meant to be shared, The Grannie Annie Family Story Celebration pledges to creatively pursue opportunities to share selected stories with a wider audience, in accordance with The Grannie Annie Mission. As a published author, you will retain the copyright to your work while giving The Grannie Annie permission to share your story, as noted on the Submission Form.
- Please read additional related information posted on the website: www.TheGrannieAnnie.org