

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 your birth — 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 The Grannie Annie’s 20th collection of family stories 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. U.S. students, please print your story **one-sided**, in black ink, on 8.5” x 11” white paper. Students outside the U.S., you may submit your story within an email or attached as a Word document. Stories may also be neatly hand-printed **in ink** on standard-size lined paper. **Please do not staple or paper clip.**
- 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 or paper clip.**
- Submissions must be mailed (for stories by U.S. students) or emailed (for stories by students outside the U.S.) on or before February 1, 2025.
- All of the stories selected for publication on The Grannie Annie’s website will also be available in a free PDF.
- Stories published by The Grannie Annie will not be considered for publication in future annual collections.
- 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