



Writers' Guidelines

for Focus on the Family's *Brio* magazine

Focus on the Family's *Brio* magazine for girls ages 13-16 is a 40-page publication designed to provide inspiring stories, fashion insights, fun profiles and practical tips all from a biblical worldview. We want parents to trust that *Brio* provides relevant, educational material with scriptural or moral insight. Your job then, as a writer, is to create work that pleases both parents and teens.

Fiction (800-1000 words)

We look for creative stories that entertain, encourage, inspire and motivate, especially with teen girls as the main character(s). While our stories don't always have a biblical message, they should teach Christian beliefs and family values.

All fiction content should be submitted in full manuscript form.

Non fiction (800-1300 words)

We are looking for unique and interesting nonfiction stories and articles, especially stories about real-life teen girls. Every article should have a Christian emphasis, though it shouldn't be preachy or overbearing. The topics, concepts and vocabulary should be appropriate for our audience.

We need real-life articles/poems/stories/crafts about: health and beauty, ordinary teen girls doing extraordinary things, noteworthy Christians or Christians who experienced noteworthy events (athletes, actors, etc.), personal activities or service projects that help maintain spiritual health, seasonal topics, family relationships or boy/girl relationships, cultural issues specific to teen girls.

All articles should

- Be topical, timely and accurate
- Avoid excessive Scripture quotations—most biblical concepts should be implicit
- Avoid Christian jargon and clichés
- Include sources for statistics, facts or research
- Include contact information and verifications for anyone quoted in the article
- Be submitted as Word documents
- Not be reprinted or previously published material
- Include author's name, address, phone #, email address and article word count

Please note:

- All personality profiles should be based on *interviews*, not merely compilations of quotes found in existing material.
- All articles will be edited for length, grammar, content, style and tone.
- Payment begins at 25 cents per word; a contract for nonexclusive rights will be issued upon article acceptance

Send articles to:

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