



Writers' Guidelines

for Focus on the Family's *Brio* magazine

Focus on the Family's *Brio* magazine for teen girls is a 76-page publication designed to provide inspiring stories, cultural insights, fun profiles and health & beauty 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.

All articles should

- be topical, timely and accurate.
- avoid the use of excessive Scripture quotations.
- avoid the use of Christian jargon, clichés or guarantees.
- include sources for statistics, facts or research.
- include contact information and verifications for anyone quoted in the article.
- be submitted as Word documents.
- include author's name, address, phone #, email address and article word count.
- **not** be reprinted or previously published material.

Following *Brio*'s major update and redesign in 2019, content categories for which we are reviewing unsolicited material include the following:

Fiction (1200-1300 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.

Note: All fiction content should be submitted in full manuscript form.

Nonfiction

We are looking for unique and interesting nonfiction 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 teen audience.

We need real-life content about: seasonal topics, character traits, ordinary young women doing extraordinary things, family relationships, teen friendships, boy/girl relationships and insights about why/how to pray.

Be Inspired (a-girl-like-me profile) (1200-1400 words)

Character Trait (650-750 words)

Entertainment/Social Media (800-900 words)

Prayer (200-300 words)

Relationships (family, friends or guys) (800-900 words)

Please note

- All 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 approximately 30 cents per word; a contract for nonexclusive rights will be issued **upon article acceptance**.

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