

# 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 follow The Grannie Annie Official Guidelines and submit a story from an earlier generation of your family — a story from before your birth. Your story 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. 7*, 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 your story in black ink on 8½" x 11" white paper, or copy and paste it into the body of an e-mail. Stories may also be neatly hand printed on standard-size notebook paper. **Please do not staple.**
- Do **not** write your name on the pages 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.**
- Submissions must be mailed or e-mailed by February 1, 2012. Please see Submission Form for details.
- Stories published previously by The Grannie Annie will not be considered for future publications.
- The decisions of the selection committee are final.
- You may include a drawing that illustrates your story. Your illustration must be no wider than 4" and no taller than 7". It must be in black ink, and may include pencil shading if you wish. 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 and signed 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. Published illustrators who are not authors will receive one complimentary copy of *Grannie Annie, Vol. 7*.
- 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](http://www.TheGrannieAnnie.org)