



Writer's Guidelines **For *Homeschooling Today*[®] magazine**

Thank you for your interest in our publication. We appreciate the hard work and dedication of our contributors and regular staff who make our magazine the wonderful resource and encouragement our readers have grown to expect.

Homeschooling Today[®] magazine (www.HomeschoolingToday.com), published four times per year, is one of the most comprehensive home education magazines available, with a special focus on literature, fine arts and usable resources. Our goal is to encourage the hearts of homeschoolers and give them tools to instill a love of learning in their children.

We believe that as we educate and equip our children with a Christian worldview, families will grow stronger, and future generations will be prepared to serve and lead.

Submissions and Deadlines

Please carefully read and follow our Writer's Guidelines to increase the chance of acceptance.

We do not accept queries or reprints at this time. We accept *unsolicited articles submitted as a Word or Pages document attached in e-mail.*

Submit articles to editor@homeschoolingtoday.com with **Article Submission in the e-mail subject line.** We do not return articles.

We receive a large number of unsolicited articles, so we appreciate your patience in our review process. Please notify us when simultaneously submitting to several publications. If you have not heard from us within six months, you may assume we will not use your article. After six months, we occasionally resurrect an old article that perfectly fits a need. We always contact an author for availability of an article that we have had for over six months. **We do not send notification if we do not publish an article.**

Feature Articles

Good feature articles include information about a topic, unit study, encouragement, challenge, or an interview. Feature article word count is 900-1,200.

In addition to feature articles, we accept submissions for the following departments that do not have regular writers. Not all departments are included in every issue.

- Faces of Homeschooling (true stories about real homeschooling families) – 600–900 words
- The Home Team (physical education) – 600–900 words
- Homeschooling around the World – 600–900 words
- Language Learning (foreign languages) – 600–900 words
- Thinking (logic, critical thinking) – 600–900 words
- Unit Study – 800–1500 words
- Family Math – 600–900 words

We accept non-department submissions on practical, homeschool-related topics.

We acquire first North American serial rights and nonexclusive electronic and reprint rights for previously unpublished work. The author retains the copyright to his own work to use it for personal purposes (author’s websites, future publications, and so forth).

Using articles as reprints in other publications: We require that any original *Homeschooling Today* magazine article reprinted in another publication or website include a copy of this statement: “Originally published in *Homeschooling Today*® magazine—(issue date). Used by permission. All rights reserved.” or “Originally published in *Homeschooling Helper* online newsletter—(date). Used by permission. All rights reserved.” Please send us an e-mail notice of republication for our records.

Formatting and Style Guidelines

Format

In an effort to publish the highest quality publications, we ask that you use the following format when submitting articles.

Use **12 pt Times New Roman type** for the entire article, including title and subheadings.

- In the top left corner of the first-page header only, please type (single spaced) *your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and word count of the body of the article.*
- Following author info, center article title with author name on following line.
- Format your article using single spacing There should be no double hard returns (hitting Enter twice) in the article.
- Use one hard return (hit Enter once) between paragraphs, which should space two single spaces.
- Do not number pages or include headers.

- Use only one space (after end punctuation) between sentences in the article.
- Use bold type (12 pt Times New Roman) for title and subheadings in your article. Do not use all caps or italics. Do not use underlining.
- Do not use special formatting. You may use bold and italics when appropriate, such as italics for word emphasis, titles of books, magazines, and so forth.
- Do not use automatic footnoting or endnotes. See the **References and Material Recommendations** section for including reference notes.
- At the end of your article please include a seventy-five word bio.
- Please spell check and proof your article before submitting it.

Style

We follow *The MLA Style Manual* Exclusively:

<http://www.mla.org/style>

References and Material Recommendations

- **References to books, magazines, etc. within the text of the article** should state title and author together and list publisher and date in parentheses following the reference—*The Giver* by Lois Lowry (Random House, 1993)—or reprints of older works—*Farmer Boy* by Laura Ingalls Wilder (1933; reprinted, Harper & Row, 1971).
- **If you recommend multiple books or materials as an additional part of your article**, please use a list of Recommended Resources at the bottom of the entire article rather than on each page of the article (no footnotes). Include, in this order: book, author, publisher, and date—*The Giver* by Lois Lowry (Random House, 1993).
- No page number is required for any reference or source of quote except as follows: Include page numbers (inclusive) for periodical and journal articles in a resource list, though not for individual quotes in the article text. (*NAASP Bulletin*, November 1996, pp. 55–64).
- **Please verify all websites** to make sure that they are still active, appropriate, and do not link to objectionable material on other sites. List websites as www instead of http://www except when necessary to pull up the site. If you are quoting material from a website, specify the date on which you retrieved information (www.homeschoolingtoday.com, retrieved June 2011).

For questions/suggestions, please contact Ashley@HomeschoolingToday.com. We welcome your thoughts and thank you for considering our publications for your writing and ministry.