



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

THE RATIONAL ENQUIRER
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Call for Submissions for the “Rational Enquirer”, a statewide publication of the Oregon Teen Pregnancy Task Force, on adolescent sexual health and related issues.

Submissions Due: Currently Open!

Expected Publication Date: 2019/2020. Circulation: 5,000+ copies distributed statewide through conferences, schools, health centers, community agencies.

Requested Content: We are looking for written articles, essays, pictures, poetry, and original art related to healthy sexuality.

What do we mean by healthy sexuality? It covers a wide variety of topics related to youth sexual health - here are some ideas:

Healthy relationships | Sexuality and media | Overcoming relationship break ups | How to talk to parents about sex | Intellectual or physical disabilities and sexual health | Dual contraception | Gender roles and expectations | Self Image | Identity and gender | Negotiating safe sex | Selfies and sexual imagery -empowerment or not? | Sexual consent | Body image | LGBTQIA2S | Communication and relationships | Asexuality | Race | How to decide to have sex or not | Sexual health family and culture | Getting reproductive health services | Friendships | Bullying | Virginity | Peer pressure | Drugs and alcohol | STDs/STIs | Teen parenting | Sexual assault and rape | Contraception | Condoms | Healthy/unhealthy communication | Pregnancy | Falling in love | Abortion | Abstinence - choosing not to have sex | Emergency contraceptives | Talking with your partner | other sexual health topics welcome!

Rational Enquirer Content Guidelines

The Rational Enquirer is a conversational publication about adolescent sexual health. Our readership consists of a wide variety of ages and backgrounds: youth, parents, educators, healthcare and social service professionals.

Overall Approach: Make sure your content is something you yourself would want to see/read. If you are writing an article or essay, the style should be factual, yet informal and easy to read. We want to feature content that reflects the lives of young people. If you have examples or personal stories that will help illustrate your point, by all means include them!

Written Content:

- **Title:** (Optional) Provide one if you like, though it is possible the editor may change it.
- **Length:** The upper limit on articles/essays is 1,500 words. Most written content falls between 250 and 1,000 words. Submitting poetry? It can be even shorter.
- **Formatting:** Please submit all written content in Times New Roman, 12 point, black.
- **Completeness:** Your submission does not need to be your final revision, but please pass it through an editing process at least twice. Examples include using computer spell-checks and grammar-checks, reading it aloud, and/or having a friend, trusted adult, or family member comment on your drafts.
- **Accuracy:** Be sure to fact check your submission. This includes making sure all names and proper nouns are spelled correctly, all phone numbers and Web URLs are accurate, and any claims made are factual.

Non-written content:

- **Title:** (Optional) Provide one if you like, though it is possible the editor may change it.
- **Formatting:** Please submit your color photographs and/or original graphics as a TIFF (preferred), PNG, or JPG. If resaving after editing, be sure to save at “maximum”/ “fine” quality. Feeling techy? – submit your image as a file type above with a 300dpi resolution and at 100% size.

Contact Information: Please include your complete name and contact information with your submission. If your submission is selected, we will ask for a short biography, to include in the final print, or a request for anonymity.

We reserve the right to edit all content to fit allocated space and guidelines. Any edits will be submitted to you for review.

If you have questions or content to submit – please contact Lindsay Weaver:
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