



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

RATIONAL ENQUIRER

SEX – IDENTITY – LOVE - LIFE

We are looking for articles related to healthy sexuality.

Submissions from youth are encouraged. Written articles, essays, pictures, poetry, and original art submissions accepted.

See page 2-3 for more details.

ARE YOU A WRITER
OR ARTIST?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO
BE PUBLISHED?

DO YOU CARE ABOUT
SEXUAL HEALTH?

LOOKING FOR
ARTICLES ON
SEX-IDENTITY-LOVE-
LIFE

SUBMIT AN ARTICLE,
ESSAY, PICTURES, OR
ARTWORK FOR
POSSIBLE
PUBLICATION IN THE
RATIONAL
ENQUIRER!

SUBMIT TO:

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The Rational Enquirer is a statewide publication of the Oregon Teen Pregnancy Task Force

SEX – IDENTITY – LOVE - LIFE

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

Submission Due Date: November 18th

Article Content: We are looking for articles related to healthy sexuality. Submissions from youth are encouraged. Written articles, essays, pictures, poetry, and original art submissions accepted.

Article Ideas: there is a wide variety of topics for youth sexual health that you could write about - 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 * LGBTQ * 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! **

Expected Publication Date: April 2017. Circulation: 5,000 statewide (through conferences, schools, health centers, community agencies).

Rational Enquirer Article Guidelines

The Rational Enquirer is a conversational publication about adolescent sexual health; the writing style should be factual, yet informal and easy to read. Our readership consists of a wide variety of ages and backgrounds: youth, parents, educators, healthcare and social service professionals.

Overall Approach: The best approach is to make your article something you yourself would want to read. We want stories that reflect the lives of young people. If you have examples or personal stories that will help illustrate your point, by all means include them.

Polish: Completeness: Stories do not need to be completely polished before submitting, but please pass them at least twice through an editing process. Use computer spell-checks and grammar-checks. It helps to read the story aloud; it may also help to have a friend, colleague or family member comment on your draft.

Accuracy: Please fact check your article. Please make sure all names and proper nouns are spelled correctly and are complete. Please check all phone numbers and Web URLs for accuracy.

Title of Article: Provide one if you like, but understand that the editor may change it.

Article length: The upper limit on stories is 1,500 words and these are major articles. Most stories should be between 250 and 1,000 words.

We reserve the right to edit all stories to fit allocated space and guidelines.

Non-written materials: Color photographs 300 dpi. Graphics 600 dpi.

Manuscript mechanics: Do not use fancy fonts or design elements. We'll only change the font and delete the design, as they interfere with editing. We prefer Times New Roman, 12 point, black, please.

Contact Information: Please include your complete name and contact information on the manuscript. If your article is selected for submission, we will ask for a biographical sketch.

If you have questions or have an article to submit – please contact Lindsay Weaver.
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