

How to Contribute to the *New Era*

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The *New Era* is published for youth of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your desire to share your talents and experiences with our readers. The *New Era* could not fulfill its purpose without the help of contributors like you, and we welcome your submissions. We hope this guide will be useful, but the best way to get an accurate feel for what the *New Era* publishes is to read a number of recent issues. You can find the *New Era* online at <http://newera.lds.org>.

WHAT WE NEED

Personal Experience Stories: We are looking for material that shows the gospel of Jesus Christ at work in the lives of young Latter-day Saints. We welcome stories about personal experiences, such as missionary work; conversion; family relationships; healthy, nurturing friendships; and maintaining standards.

How I Know: A short (200 to 500 word) account of how you gained your testimony or discovered the benefits of living a gospel principle. What led up to the event? What was the experience like? How has it affected you?

Everyday Heroes: Profiles of young Latter-day Saints who make a difference in the lives of others. Their acts are usually done privately, without fanfare, and stretch over a period of time, rather than being one-time events.

Scripture Lifeline: A short (200 to 500 word) account of how you faced a trial and found peace or a resolution by applying a particular scripture.

The Extra Smile: Cartoons and short, humorous anecdotes about Latter-day Saint life.

Idea List: A short (300 to 400 word) list of ideas for youth on a variety of gospel topics with a brief introduction on how they can use the list.

Instant Messages: Short personal experiences, original thoughts, and brief explanations of favorite hymns and scriptures.

New Era Poster: We buy ideas and suggested text for these parables-on-a-poster and do the final writing and photography ourselves. Study previously published *New Era* Posters for examples of what works best.

Poetry: We accept most forms of poetry. Short poems under 30 lines are preferred.

Photos: With photo stories, we prefer digital photos or color slides, but we can also use prints. Digital photos must be at least 300 dots per inch or taken on the largest setting of a five-megapixel camera or bigger. We also purchase artistic photos for the “Photo of the Month” feature on the inside back cover.

Illustration: We use both color and black-and-white illustrations, but assignments are made exclusively to artists who have shown their portfolio to our designers. Send slides or make an appointment to let them see your work.

Music: We occasionally publish short songs or hymns. All music entries are reviewed and recommended for purchase by the Church Music Committee.

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR MANUSCRIPT

1. Type your name, address, and e-mail address in the upper right-hand corner of the first page.
2. Send your manuscript to: *New Era* Editorial, 50 East North Temple Street, Room 2414, Salt Lake City, UT 84150-3220, or to newera@ldschurch.org. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with hard copies if you desire your manuscript to be returned in case it is not accepted.

OPTIONS TO DONATE OR RECEIVE PAYMENT

We invite you to consider donating your material when submitting it to the *New Era*. If you wish to be paid, we are pleased to send you payment. Choosing to request payment will not affect how we review your work. Payment varies depending on the type of manuscript submitted (article, personal experience, poem, etc.) and the complexity of the work. Choosing to request payment will not affect how we review your work. Payment is made on acceptance. The *New Era* does not pay for Questions & Answers responses, letters to the editor, and short responses to calls for testimonies and experiences.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The *New Era* buys about 100 manuscripts per year and purchases a license to use the manuscript. We report back in 6 to 8 weeks.
2. If you plan to submit a story with photos of an event, please consult with us well ahead of time before taking the photos and writing the story. Seasonal material should be submitted 12 months in advance.
3. No responsibility is assumed for unsolicited manuscripts or photos.
4. We encourage responses to Q&A. The new question is published each month at the end of the section.
5. We occasionally print a call for articles on specific topics. These usually appear in the “What’s Up?” section.
6. We are willing to consider well-written fiction (no more than 1,500 words) on topics difficult to treat in nonfiction.

THANKS AGAIN

We appreciate your interest in the *New Era*!