

# Application to Write by Mail or Email for *Rise*

Parents who have been involved in the child welfare system (through preventive services, dealing with an investigation or placement of their children in foster care) can write for *Rise* by email or mail by completing the following application.

*Rise* writers complete stories through an extensive draft process. The editor (Nora) asks a lot of questions to develop the stories for publication. Once the writer and editor agree that a story is finished, writers are paid \$100. Stories may be published on the website and/or in upcoming issues of the magazine. The website is updated with a new story monthly. The magazine is focused on a single topic in each issue, so only a few stories related to those topics can be printed in the magazine.

*A note on timing:* When writing by email or mail, you can take as much time to work on a draft as you need. However, you should expect delays of at least two weeks between when you hand in a draft and when you receive an edit back. There's no way I can respond to drafts more quickly, unless we've discussed that a story is on deadline. If two weeks have passed and you haven't gotten an edit back, please feel free to ask me when you can expect a response. Also, if we agree that your story is finished but you don't receive a check within two weeks, please let me know.

To join the group, please write a few paragraphs answering each of the following three questions. You will not be judged on your writing skills. This is a chance for me to get to know you and for you to describe your goals and interests. If you have any questions, call me at (212) 279-0708 x113 or email me at [nora@risemagazine.org](mailto:nora@risemagazine.org).

## QUESTIONS:

### 1. Why do you want to write for *Rise*?

What will you bring to the magazine? Do you have any concerns about your writing or about writing a story for publication?

### 2. Stories in *Rise* relate to the challenges and rewards of parenting. Write a little about your children and your parenting style.

What are your strengths as a parent and what are the challenges you face as a parent?

### 3. Please write a paragraph about 2-3 different stories that you might want to write.

The average story in *Rise* is 900-1200 words, which isn't a lot. So each story must focus on one small aspect of your experiences as a parent or dealing with the child welfare system. Pick several different topics (like: "visiting my kids" or, "the first day my kids came home" or, "my hardest day as a parent") and write a paragraph about each one.

*Once you complete the application, we will discuss (by phone or email) the story ideas you've written about in your application and choose one to begin writing a story about.*