



Job Type: Contract / Freelance

About Us

The Immigrant Story is a [volunteer-led nonprofit](#) based in Portland, Oregon. We document the journeys of immigrants through personal narratives and human-interest stories, preserving voices that might otherwise go unheard. Our vision is to share meaningful accounts that foster empathy, understanding, and a sense of shared community. In short, we tell stories that make a difference.

Opportunity

We are looking for freelance writers with experience in narrative nonfiction, biography, or memoir writing who can create compelling content (typically under 2,000 words) based on in-depth interviews and research. Writers will collaborate closely with immigrants and people of color to authentically capture and share their lived experiences.

What You'll Do

- Work closely with story subjects to craft engaging, empathetic narratives that reflect the voices of our storytellers.
- Demonstrate cultural sensitivity and build trust with interview subjects.
- Convey complex, personal journeys in ways that resonate deeply with readers.
- Inspire reflection and broaden understanding of immigrant life.
- Maintain journalistic standards and integrity throughout the creative process, with an emphasis on accuracy and precision.
- Respond quickly to editing requests, revisions, and content requests.

Qualifications

- Proven experience in long-form journalism, creative nonfiction, or narrative storytelling.
- Strong ability to produce compelling, accurate content on deadline.
- Excellent interviewing, writing, and editing skills.
- Ability to approach sensitive topics with empathy, respect, and cultural awareness.
- Background in immigration, refugee issues, or social justice reporting (preferred).
- Degree in journalism, related work experience, or a strong professional writing background (preferred).

Compensation

Competitive per-article rates, commensurate with experience.

How to Apply

Please submit:

- Resume and portfolio link(s)
- 2–3 writing samples (preferably narrative nonfiction or feature-length journalism)
- A brief, personal statement (150 words to 250 words) explaining why you are interested in writing and reporting immigrant- and refugee-related stories and championing their dissemination.