

The Columbia County America 250 Anthology FAQ

ABOUT THE ANTHOLOGY

What is the purpose of the anthology?

This special community anthology is intended to commemorate America 250 from the perspective of Columbia County, Oregon residents. It will preserve local voices and experiences and serve as a record of this historic moment in time.

Who is the publisher of the anthology?

The Columbia County Authors Alliance (CCAA) is publishing this anthology. The CCAA was founded in 2025 to support Columbia County, Oregon writers through educational and networking opportunities, local author events, anthologies, regular creative gatherings, and building connections with readers.

Who can participate?

Participation is open to all residents of Columbia County, Oregon, from our youngest writers to our valued elders. First-time writers and experienced authors alike are welcome. Whether you normally just write grocery lists and emails or you've published a bestselling book, we want to hear from you. History deserves telling from multiple perspectives, and YOUR voice matters.

What kind of submissions are you looking for?

We welcome a wide range of submissions, including short stories, personal essays and memoir pieces, and poetry. Share your reflections, memories, or observations about our community and country in the way that suits you best. Submissions may be historical, contemporary, or forward-looking.

When will the anthology be published? How do I get a copy?

The anthology will be published in late June 2026. The FREE ebook will be available from the Columbia County Authors Alliance website. Everyone can download it, read it, share it, and enjoy history in the making.

ABOUT THE SUBMISSION PROCESS

How do I submit my work to the anthology?

In order to submit your work to the anthology, you will need to complete the [America 250 Anthology Submission Google Form](#) on the Columbia County Authors Alliance website. As part of the form, you will need to:

- Provide some information about yourself;
- Confirm that you agree to the terms and conditions for this anthology; and
- Indicate what category your submission best falls into (short story, personal essay / memoir piece, poetry etc.).

At the end of the form, you will be asked to upload your submission.

How does my submission need to be formatted?

Your submission should be a double spaced Word or Open Office document with Arial or Times New Roman 12pt font. Please include your name, email address, and title of your submission at the top of your document.

What if I don't have a Google account? Can I still submit to the anthology?

Absolutely. If you don't have a Google account, email Ellen Jacobson at america250anthology@gmail.com to make alternative arrangements.

How long does my submission need to be?

Your submission can range in length from a couple of sentences to ten double-spaced pages.

Are there any guidelines I need to adhere to?

In order to be accepted into the anthology, your submission must meet the following guidelines:

- You must be the sole author of your work
- You can not include AI-generated content in your submission
- You must have the publication rights for your submission in its entirety
- Your submission cannot include any images or photos
- The content of your submission must be PG-13 in nature (no sexual content, graphic violence, strong language etc.)
- Your submission should not be deliberately intended to fuel animosity, create divisiveness, or provoke hostility; the intent of this anthology is to bring the community together and foster mutual respect and understanding

How will I know if my submission has been accepted?

Unless you hear back differently, you can assume that your submission has been accepted and will be published in the anthology.

Is there a submission fee?

There is no cost to participate. The Columbia County Authors Alliance is volunteering its time to compile and publish this anthology.

Will contributors be paid?

Contributors will not receive any monetary compensation as this is a community volunteer project. However, contributors will be credited by name in the anthology, receive recognition from the community for their work, and be part of Columbia County's lasting historical record.

Will submissions be edited?

While some spelling and minor grammatical issues may be corrected, the anthology will not be professionally edited.

Who owns the rights to my work?

You retain full copyright of your submission. By participating, you grant the Columbia County Authors Alliance the non-exclusive right to publish your work in this anthology.

Have questions or want more information? Email us at:

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