



## Guidelines for the submission of story ideas to *Ode*

If you're interested in writing for *Ode*, there are a few ways to go.

1. **Try the [Exchange section](#) of our Web site first.** This section enables you to share your ideas, experiences and stories with other members of *Ode*'s worldwide community. If you are interested in getting stories in the magazine, this is an excellent place to start. Our editors frequently use content that users submit on our Web site as inspiration for stories in the magazine.
2. **Send an email to [editor@odemagazine.com](mailto:editor@odemagazine.com).** Include your bio, a list of already published articles or links, and any story ideas you may have. The [editor@odemagazine.com](mailto:editor@odemagazine.com) email address is read regularly and messages are passed on to the appropriate editor or other staff person. Please know that we cannot respond to each and every inquiry from freelancers. We will however, contact you if your pitch or materials are of interest to us.

If you have a story idea for *Ode* – about yourself, your company or organization, a company/organization you represent or are involved with, or something compelling that you think should be covered by *Ode* – here are a few tips:

**Keep it short.** If you want to pitch an idea, please be brief. Concisely outline your proposed subject, why it's important, why it's relevant now, and then email it to [editor@odemagazine.com](mailto:editor@odemagazine.com).

**Be positive.** We're more interested in solutions than problems, so make sure your idea has a positive twist.

**Be ahead of the news.** *Ode* is a monthly magazine, and our stories need to tell readers what's happening next rather than what's happened in the past. So make sure your idea is forward-looking.

**Be real.** We like real stories about real people more than big think pieces about abstract concepts.

**Be international.** *Ode* is a global magazine, and we want our articles to have an international appeal.

**Be of good cheer.** Whether your article is placed in *Ode* or not, keep writing!