

How To Write Your Story For Best Results

First of all, remember the main reasons for submitting your story to Accessible.org.

1. Get your story known to a wide audience that could help you.
2. Get your story polished up and presentable so you can submit it elsewhere, including the White House.

Here are the main tips:

1. Be honest. The truth always comes out. When it does, we delete any story that has misrepresented the facts.
2. Provide as much detail as possible, including your city and state. People can be helpful in specific ways only if they have the specifics of your situation.

Here are some additional tips:

1. Do NOT submit your story IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS.
2. Check your spelling and grammar before submitting your story. We read and polish every story before publishing it. Sometimes it takes up to 30 minutes to do the editing. And this is at no cost to you. Please be considerate.
3. Do not provide your e-mail address or home address. We cannot publish it. But if you have a website, we can publish that.

Tell your story in these five sections:

1. Talk about yourself -- age, sex, marital status, family, kids, military service, etc.
2. Describe your disability -- what it is, how and when it happened, how it's evolving, official disability status, etc.
3. Describe your current financial condition -- home, work, transport, medications, equipment, jobs, full-time, part-time, work-at-home, SSI, SSDI, church, grants, donations, etc.
4. Describe your business idea in detail -- product/service, marketing/sales, costs, management, etc.
5. Describe what you're looking for -- benefits, grants, SSI, SSDI, SSI lawyer, advice, consoling, etc.

Some final tips:

1. Keep your expectations realistic. You might get help in a day or two, or a month or two, or maybe even never. There are no guarantees.
2. Be positive and factual. You're not likely to get help from anyone if you're negative, bitter or self-pitying. Benefits and granting agencies deal only in facts.

We wish you all the best!