

DONA International welcomes unsolicited manuscripts, articles, poems, photographs or artwork, which follow these guidelines:

Articles should inform and inspire birth and/or postpartum doulas, and the birthing and postpartum families they serve; as well as the childbirth educators, medical professionals and alternative health providers that also comprise our international membership.

Articles should be consistent with DONA International's Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics and should be accurate and well documented. If appropriate, footnotes and a bibliography should be included. Articles should be well written, with topic sentences, coherent paragraph structure and logical thought progression.

Articles may range from 600 to 2500 words in length. A short biography of the author, written in the third person, should be included in a separate paragraph at the end of the article, as well as a byline with the author's credentials. Articles may be edited for any reason, including length, clarity, reader appeal and adherence to DONA International philosophy. Due to space limitations, an article may be held for a future issue.

Photographs or artwork must be accompanied by a signed release form, available on the web site. Photographs must be 300 dpi TIFF files or high resolution compressed JPEG files with good contrast of light and dark. Color photographs must be in RGB color format and may be used on the *International Doula* cover; however, they may be converted to black and white for the inside of the issue. Artwork must be a native Adobe InDesign file (with all image links and fonts included), print quality PDF files (with crops and bleeds) or 300 dpi TIFF files (with bleeds).

DONA International reserves first North American rights of publication; after publication in the *International Doula* and/or any other DONA International publications, copyright returns to the author, photographer or artist. If you would prefer to submit the article or material to another publication before it appears in the *International Doula*, please contact the Managing Editor for a release of the submission.

In the interest of education and the dissemination of current and correct information, reproduction, in part or in whole, of individual articles is encouraged unless otherwise indicated. Reproduced articles must have proper accreditation and must not be sold. This permission to reproduce is limited to numbers less than 100 unless prior permission is obtained.

Any article, photograph or artwork that appears in the *International Doula* may also be used on the DONA International web site. The author, photographer or artist must agree to these policies for her/his work to be considered for publication.

Articles, photographs or artwork should be submitted by e-mail attachment to the *ID* Managing Editor at IDEditor@DONA.org or mailed as a CD (articles must be PC compatible in Word or text only). Include complete contact information for the author, photographer or artist. Contributions being mailed should be sent to the attention of the *ID* Managing Editor, DONA International, P.O. Box 626, Jasper, Indiana 47546.

Each contributor will receive a copy of the issue containing her/his published work.

Submission Deadlines

<u>Issue 1</u>	<u>Issue 2</u>	<u>Issue 3</u>	<u>Issue 4</u>
November 15	February 15	May 15	August 15