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General Submission and Editorial Guidelines [click here for a pdf of the complete guidelines document](#) ^[3]

Submission Guidelines Fast Facts

Articles should generally be encyclopedic in nature and should range from 500 to 1400 words in length, but may go up to 2000 words in length for some topics.

NCpedia utilizes the ***Chicago Manual of Style*** ^[4] for document and citation formatting.

Entries should remain neutral in tone.

Article bibliographic elements: Title (topic/individual last, first name), Author, Year Written, Author's Affiliation (where applicable); birth date - death date (for biographical articles).

Article structural elements: First sentence should summarize the topic, its significance to history, and ties to North Carolina. Article should provide a chronological overview of important aspects the topic, giving special attention to events occurring in, or of importance to, North Carolina. Discrepancies between sources may be noted. Hyperlinks to other NCpedia articles or other reputable online resources for more information are strongly encouraged. For biographies, include any marriages and children, death date and how s/he died (if known) and location of burial (if known). See the [Submission and Editorial Guidelines](#) ^[3] for more detailed and full guidelines.

References: List of references used in writing the entry is required. Please provide a reference list using Chicago Style. ([Example here](#) ^[5])

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[Contact us](#) ^[2] with any additional questions you may have. We look forward to hearing from you.

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