

Gumbo for the Soul: Called to Serve I

Call for Submissions:

Gumbo for the Soul: Called to Serve Vol. I, is currently under development by the visionary team of Gumbo for the Soul International®.

Beverly Black Johnson is the creator of the award-winning Gumbo for the Soul Publications, Gumbo for the Soul Literacy Program, and TRIBE Family Channel.

www.gumboforthesoulinternational.com

This anthology will be the first in an ongoing series created to honor men and women of service in the capacity of the military, ministry, medical field, volunteerism, education, etc. alongside the impact of their roles in the family and the community, while focusing on philanthropy. As always, our publications focus on health, wellness, and education. Our first book published in 2005, Gumbo for the Soul: The Recipe for Literacy in the Black Community, endorsed by Tavis Smiley, was a huge success - garnering two literary awards and spawning Gumbo for the Soul Literacy Program, through which thousands of publications have been donated to individuals and organizations worldwide. Not to be outdone, we have since released five more publications with contributors from around the world who expounded on their loved ones' many accomplishments, valor and bouts in life they would overcome. These were focused on adoption, breast, and prostate cancers.

This edition, due out Veteran's Day 2023, will take its place on our shelves as a sure-to-be best seller. You are invited to participate in three ways:

- 1. Write your story.**
- 2. Write your story and feature your back-cover picture.**
- 3. Place a sponsor ad. See submission guidelines below.**



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

Submission guidelines must be strictly adhered to for consideration. Non-compliant submissions will be deleted unread without further notice from the publisher.

All submissions must be 1500 words or less in Times Roman Size 12 regular typeface in the form of essays, poetry, inspirational or quote on wisdom, love, courage, life experiences and philanthropy.

All submissions must be formatted with the title at the header of the document and the author credit including a brief bio at the footer. Bios are also factored in the submission word count.

If you are accepted for publication you accept the duty of assisting in the promotion of the book and its related media releases via your networks and media forums.

Compensation:

Because of the humanitarian nature of this project there is no monetary compensation:

Contributors will receive one copy and may purchase additional copies of the book at 50% off on a continuous basis.

Back Cover-Contributors: Photo Feature (Only \$100) + You will also receive 1 complimentary copy.

Submit: SUBMISSIONS THAT DON'T ADHERE TO GUIDELINES WILL BE DISREGARDED UNREAD

Email submissions adhering to the guidelines for publishing consideration to: gumboforthesoulinternational@gmail.com with **"Called to Serve - I"** in the subject field.

HARDCOPY SUBMISSIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

If your submission is accepted for publication you will be asked to submit a signed Contributor's Agreement.

ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED AGREEMENTS ARE ACCEPTED

Or print and mail to: Gumbo for the Soul – c/o Beverly Black Johnson

Called to Serve Vol. I – P.O. Box 31598, Las Vegas, NV 89173

Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope to obtain receipt confirmation.

Byline: A short bio will be included for each contributing author.

Rights: Authors retain all rights and copyright to their individual works. Gumbo for the Soul will obtain the copyright and ISBN for the entire compilation (anthology).

Editing: We reserve the right to edit selected submissions for grammar, punctuation, spelling, and appropriate content.

Deadline to submit August 31, 2023.
Publications drop date: Veteran's Day, 2023

Back Cover Contributor Opportunity

(Only 20 slots available)

Open until full. First come basis.

Gumbo for the Soul Publications' founder Beverly Black Johnson is proud to announce "Back Cover Contributor" opportunities exclusively featured on the back cover of our anthologies.

Project details:

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The benefits:

- 50% discount on publisher-direct book purchases, for fundraising or gifts, excluding shipping).
- your photo on back cover
- inclusion to media interviews, etc.

The pre-requisites:

- \$100.00 non-refundable contribution - due upon acceptance (unless arrangements apply).
- Cross market and promote publication via network
- Invite people to submit to Call for Submissions
- Ability to participate by one of the following methods:
 - *Television appearances
 - *Radio/telephone interviews
 - *Book signings
 - *Online book parties

SPONSOR AD OPPORTUNITY: First come, first served.

Only 6- prestigious, full page ads are available; nothing smaller.

Get yours in asap!! Don't miss the opportunity to be among the fortunate to acquire ad space in this sure-to-be bestseller.

Ad rates:

Only \$50.00: for a lifetime, full-page 6" x 9" B/W ad. Ads must be Times Roman 12 pt. font, spell checked and typeset to fit the book dimensions. Any artwork or photos must be in jpeg and 300 dpi. Submit as a word doc w/ jpeg attached. Include graphics in the word doc.

~Reserve your spot by contacting us at: gumboforthesoulinternational@gmail.com

*Back Cover Contributor's placement and Sponsor Ads are processed via Square, Inc.
Donation Link: <https://checkout.square.site/pay/74a752c70edd48baa9da1d1c5c132f63>

“GUMBO” CONTRIBUTOR AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT REFERS TO WRITTEN AND ARTISTIC MATERIAL (“CONTRIBUTION”) SUBMITTED BY ITS AUTHOR OR OWNER (“CONTRIBUTOR”) FOR PUBLICATION IN THE ANTHOLOGY TITLED “GUMBO FOR THE SOUL: Called to Serve I. (“THE BOOK”) WHOSE REPRESENTATIVES AND THE ENTITY ARE HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS “GUMBO.”

1.00. By submitting content for publication in “Gumbo,” “Contributor” agrees to the following terms:

1.01. “Contributor” affirms that he/she is legal owner or copyright holder, or otherwise has the authority to authorize publication of submitted material in “the book.” “Gumbo” shall be held harmless in the event of legal action resulting from ownership or copyright infringement issues.

1.02. “Contributor” hereby assigns single-use authorization to “Gumbo” for publication of contributed works in “the book,” and right-of-use contributed materials and author’s identity for the promotion or marketing of “the book.”

1.03. “Contributor” accepts that all materials—text and graphic—contributed to “Gumbo” are subject to review and approval for publication by an authorized “Gumbo” representative.

1.04. “Contributor” accepts that all written and graphical materials contributed to “Gumbo” for publication may be subject to edits for grammar, spelling, and punctuation revisions to meet to acceptable and Standard English usage (unless such language or spelling are intentional and for effect within the context of the material).

1.05. “Contributor” retains full ownership of contributed works and retains the right to post or publish the material to at any time following the publication of “Gumbo.”

1.06. “Contributor” may not copy, print or otherwise make use of any content published in “the book” that he/she did not author or have rights to.

1.07. CONFIDENTIALITY: Contributor will not disclose confidential information or processes including product data and specifications, computer software, diagrams, flow charts, drawings, test results know-how, processes, inventions, research projects and product development (including information and materials received in confidence by Contributor from third parties).

Print full name

Signature

Date