

# Dear Minnesota

## LETTER-WRITING & STORY-SHARING PROJECT

Please handwrite a letter (we recommend 300 words or less) and/or draw a picture and share your story. Mail this along with the completed submission form to:

Dear Minnesota  
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Saint Paul, MN 55101



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## S U B M I S S I O N   F O R M

Thank you sharing your multimedia letter with us for inclusion in our statewide letter-writing project. Dear Minnesota is designed for sharing stories of origin and immigration. Your contribution is valuable. All Minnesotans are invited to write and submit letters, along with pictures, audio and video about their experiences and those of their families and ancestors as they moved through or to Minnesota.

We hope original letters, along with along with pictures, audio and video will evoke memories, emotion and deep reflection. Through letter-writing and story-sharing, more voices will create opportunities for dialogue and contribute to shaping our history and who we are as Minnesotans.

Dear Minnesota is a project within Moving Lives Minnesota: Stories of Origin & Immigration (MLMN), the statewide initiative by the PBS stations of Minnesota, made possible with Legacy funding.

Please contact Kevin Yang at [kyang@tpt.org](mailto:kyang@tpt.org) with questions.

### Introduction Questions

We will use the information you provide to create an image that will be used to introduce your letter on our social media platforms.

#### 1.) Name of author

*Name as you would like for it to appear on social media. Please also include your pronouns. For Example: Kevin Yang - he/him. If you are submitting on behalf of someone else, please include your name in the Contact Information and Demographic Information section of this questionnaire.*

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### 2.) Current city of Residence

What city do you currently live in?

### 3.) Immigration Generation [Check all that apply]

When did you and/or your family arrive in the United States?

- ☐ Native to Minnesota: I have historical and ancestral origins to the land Minnesota resides on
- ☐ First Generation Immigrant to the US: I was born in a country outside of the United States
- ☐ 1.5 Generation Immigrant to the US: I was born in a country outside of the United States, but was raised in the US at an early age
- ☐ Second Generation Immigrant to the US: I was born inside the United States with at least one parent who is a first-generation immigrant
- ☐ Third Generation Immigrant to the US: I was born in the United States with at least one grand parent who is a first-generation immigrant
- ☐ Fourth Generation+ Immigrant to the US: I was born in the United States and have four or more generation between a descendant who was a first-generation immigrant
- ☐ Native to Minnesota: I have historical and ancestral origins to the land Minnesota resides on

### 4.) Relationship to Minnesota [Check all that apply]

- ☐ I was born in Minnesota
- ☐ I moved to Minnesota from another part of the United States
- ☐ I moved to Minnesota from another part of the world outside of the United States

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### 5.) Places of Origin

*What places do you define as your origin? This could be a place where you were born, where you were raised, a culturally significant location, an ancestral homeland, or any other locations that you relate to origin. You may share multiple locations if relevant. Your answer can also be general or specific to a location.*

*For example, Minnesota and Southeast Asia*

### 6.) Topic

Write one sentence describing the subject of your letter. Provide details of the name the person, place, object or experience.

### 7.) Images

Will you submit additional photographs or other images with your Dear Minnesota letter?

☐ Yes

☐ No

### 8.) Photo Description and Credit [Fill in the blank, long form]

*Please include file name and short descriptions of all media uploaded in the text box below. Only include media that you have permission to use. For attached image(s), please include a short description and photo credit. Only include images you have permission to use.*

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## CONTACT AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

**9.)** Are you submitting this questionnaire on behalf of someone else (part of a group submission, assisting an elder's submission, letter submission from a minor under the age of 18, etc.)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

**10.) Email**

*Will be used to follow up if there are any issues during the submission process*

**11.) Zip Code of Author**

**12.) Age group of Author** [Check one box]

☐ Under 18

☐ 18 – 34

☐ 35 – 44

☐ 45 – 54

☐ 55 – 64

☐ 65 – 74

☐ 75 and over

☐ Prefer not to answer

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### 13.) Race and Ethnicity [Check all that apply]

- ☐ African Native, including Oromo, Somali, Ethiopian, etc
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian American and Pacific Islander
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Hispanic or Latinx
- ☐ White or Caucasian
- ☐ Multiracial
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Another race or ethnic group (please specify)

### 14.) Connecting on Social Media

Please provide social media handles if you would like @movinglivesmn to tag you. Moving Lives Minnesota will have a presence on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

### 15.) Terms of Participation [Check one box]

Please review terms and coordinating your story and check yes if you agree to the terms.

- ☐ Yes, I agree to the terms
- ☐ No, I do not agree to the terms

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### TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR LETTER

**"Moving Lives"** ("Project") is a multimedia project owned and operated by Twin Cities Public Television, Inc. ("TPT"). TPT invites community members to share stories, images, and other materials related to their personal or their family's immigration story, subject to these Terms and Conditions. TPT reserves the right to reject or remove any story ("Story") submitted to the Project that violates these Terms and Conditions at any time. TPT is collaborating with the stations of the Minnesota Public Television Association ("MPTA") on the Project and will make your Story available to such MPTA Stations for their use as part of the Project. TPT and the MPTA are collectively referred to as "Stations."

By submitting your Story, **you agree to the following Terms and Conditions:**

- You are solely responsible for all content and information contained in your Story and the consequences of submitting your Story.
- You retain ownership of your Story.
- By submitting your Story, you expressly grant:
  - (i) TPT the right to share your Story with the Stations for use in the Project;
  - (ii) The Stations the right to use, edit, and distribute your Story in any manner and in all media, whether now known or later devised, including, but not limited to social media platforms such as Instagram, worldwide, in perpetuity, including the right to sublicense your Story to a third party (solely as part of the Project) without compensation to you;
  - (iii) The Stations the right to use your Story or excerpts from your Story for marketing and promotional purposes for the Project in any and all media, whether now known or later devised, including, but not limited to social media platforms such as Instagram, worldwide, in perpetuity, without compensation to you;
  - (iv) The Stations permission to make your Story available to the general public on their premises, in a historical exhibition, or in educational projects created by the Stations and their authorized partners, without compensation to you;
  - (v) The public the right to use and edit your Story for educational or non-commercial uses in any and all media, including, but not limited to social media platforms such as Instagram, whether now known or later devised, worldwide, in perpetuity, without compensation to you.
- You are at least 18 years of age. If you are under 18 and wish to submit a Story as a student project, a teacher, parent, or guardian must submit your Story on your behalf.
- You are the sole owner of all content within your Story or you have received permission from the person(s) or entity(ies) that own intellectual property rights of elements of your Story, and you have secured the appropriate releases of other individuals appearing in your Story. You warrant all such intellectual property rights and releases are transferable, and you transfer such rights to TPT upon submission of your Story. You will provide evidence of such intellectual property licenses or appearance releases to TPT upon reasonable request.

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- Do not include within your Story any photographs, full names, video or audio recordings or any other personally identifiable information of children currently under the age of 18, without first obtaining verifiable consent from the child's parent or guardian. Photographs, videos, or audio recordings that include children under the age of 18 may only be shared if you are the parent or legal guardian of each child represented, or if you have obtained prior written consent from each child's parent or legal guardian. You will be required to submit this written documentation to TPT upon request.
- By submitting your Story, you waive any privacy expectations you may have with regards to your Story. Do not include any private or personally identifiable information in your Story that you do not want shared publicly.
- You understand that your Story may be shared with third parties in response to court orders or subpoenas and as TPT determines is required by applicable law, regulation or policy.
- If the Stations select your Story for use, social media visitors may share your Story via social media websites such as Facebook, YouTube, Twitter. These sites operate independently of TPT and have their own privacy policies and terms of use. You acknowledge you will become subject to such non-TPT privacy policies and terms of use once your Story is shared via any such platform. TPT does not control whether your Story will be shared on such platforms or by whom.
- TPT will take reasonable steps to avoid disclosing your email address or other contact information to the public, but cannot guarantee your privacy.
- TPT will not accept a Story that contains content that (i) could be considered inflammatory; (ii) abuses, harasses, or threatens individuals; (iii) contains obscenity, false information, unlawful, discriminatory, defamatory, libelous, or pornographic content; or (iv) infringes any third party rights.
- You understand that the Stations will select Stories to feature at their sole discretion and are under no obligation to include your Story in the Project or otherwise use or respond to your Story.
- You agree to indemnify and hold the Stations and their affiliates, directors, officers, trustees, agents, employees and sponsors ("Indemnified Parties") harmless from and against any third party claims alleging that your Story violates their rights, or from any breaches by you of these Terms and Conditions. You shall be responsible for any costs incurred by the Indemnified Parties for defense or settlement of third-party claims, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees.
- You agree to TPT's website terms of use, available at <http://www.tpt.org/terms-of-use/> and TPT's privacy policy, available at <http://www.tpt.org/privacy-policy/> which are incorporated herein by reference.

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