



Micro Grants for Independent Filmmakers

The Shawna Foundation has established a new funding initiative called Micro Grants for Independent Filmmakers Program.

Our goal is to support all independent filmmakers who are passionate and deeply engaged with the art of filmmaking and the cultural and sociopolitical issues in the world around them. We are looking for insightful storytellers who use the medium of film to move people, incite critical thinking and help foster the love of cinema.

Applications and project proposals are accepted on a rolling basis and awards in the amount of \$500 will be distributed in a calendar year granting cycle. The number of awards in a calendar year are at the discretion of the Shawna Foundation.

The purpose of this Program is to assist micro-budgeted, expediently produced progressive, art house, fringe or genre short or feature films. These grants aim to support projects made by individuals living or working in United States.

Prospective filmmakers should submit a one-page treatment, an expected total budget for their project, a description of intention for funds awarded, key crew bios, a prior sample work no more than 5 minutes in length, and an outreach strategy. Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis.

Send your completed application and required attachments (listed above) to:
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Notification: Micro Grant recipients will be notified by email of the status of their application within 90 days of their submission.

Eligibility: Your project must be completed and ready to screen within one year of your award notification. All selected films will screen at the Shawna Shea Film Festival in Massachusetts.

***Required**

Date of Submission*

Working Project Title *

Name of Director *

Name of Submitter
(If different from the director's name)

Contact email address *

Contact phone number *

Contact mailing address *

Short Synopsis *
(attach separate sheet)

Project Treatment *
(attach separate sheet)

Director's Connection to Subject Matter
Please explain your connection to the subject matter of your proposed project, if any.

Proposed Completion Date *

All projects must be completed by two years from date of proposal submission in order to be considered

Key Crew Bios *

Sample of Prior Work *

Please provide a link to a clip of sample work. Try to keep it as short as possible; the selection committee is guaranteed to watch the first 5 minutes.

Password for Sample Work

Provide the video's password, if one is needed

What is your project's expected total budget? *

How do you plan to use the awarded grant funds? *

Please describe your marketing and outreach strategy for your proposed project. *

How will you use social media and other tools to promote/raise awareness for the film? *

Where is the film location? *

Is there any additional information about you or your project that we should know?
