



**RAYMOND J.  
CHRISTENSEN  
FOUNDATION**

## Grant Application

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### **At the Raymond J. Christensen Foundation, we support independent documentary filmmakers on their journey to tell powerful stories.**

We believe a filmmaker should be afforded every opportunity to explore, evolve, and develop their work. By awarding grants to support the filmmaking process, we help emerging artists based in Minnesota share their stories and promote new human paradigms. The Raymond J. Christensen Foundation is committed to grants which assist in post-production and distribution.

**To apply for a grant, please provide us with the following information:**

#### **PROJECT DETAILS**

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**Project Title \***

**Logline: (50 words or less) \***

Provide a brief, catchy summary of your project.

**Story Summary / Synopsis** (500 words or less) \*

Give an overview of your story, introduce your main character(s) and describe your narrative trajectory.

**Biography** (250 words max) \*

Include key your role(s) (you must be the writer, director, and/or producer to apply for this grant).

Provide brief bios for the key creative member(s). For each member, include information about relevant experience and expertise, notable credits or major recognition or award information.

*\*Note: Principal photography must be finished and you must be in the post-production phase or beyond to qualify.*

**Resume** (PDF only) \*

When submitting your Grant Application, attach your resume as a PDF file.

**Project Status: At what stage of production are you in?** (500 words or less) \*

Give an overview of your story, introduce your main character(s) and describe your narrative trajectory.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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(250 words or less) \*

## AUDIENCE AND DISTRIBUTION

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### **Distribution and Marketing Strategy** (500 words max) \*

Describe the intended distribution for your film. Specify plans for festival, theatrical or community screenings as well as your plans for further securing broadcast and/ or distribution.

**Intended Audience** (250 words max) \*

Describe the audience you anticipate for your project, including any underserved audiences.

- *Who is your intended audience?*
- *How do you plan to reach your intended audience?*
- *How have you addressed the needs and interests of this audience in your project?*
- *What is your relationship with and access to this community?*
- *If applicable, what actions do you hope for viewers to take after seeing your film?*
- *Do you have partnerships in place?*

**BUDGET, FUNDRAISING STRATEGY AND GRANT IMPACT**

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**How will this grant help you move forward with your project?** (250 words max) \*

Should you be awarded a grant, detail how and where the grant fund would be spent and how the money will help you move forward with your project.

**Describe your strategy for raising the necessary funds to complete your project?** (250 words max) \*

**Funding to Date** (250 words max) \*

Provide a list of funds received as well as anticipated funds.



**Budget Overview** (100 words max) \*

Please provide a budget and a brief description of where the money will be spent.

**SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

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**Provide a 5-10 minute clip from material shot for this project.**

The clip should be no longer than 10 minutes and should showcase your story and its main theme.

**Link** \*

**Password** (if applicable)

**Describe the material (5-10 minute clip) you are submitting for consideration. \***

- *What should reviewers be looking for in your sample?*
- *How is it representative of the story, style, subject or some other aspect of the project?*

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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We try to gather this information to ensure we are reaching all communities. It will not be used for any other purposes.

**Full Name \***

**Email Address \***

**Phone Number \***

**Age** (optional)

**Gender** (optional)

**Sexual Orientation** (optional)

**Race / Ethnicity** (optional)

**Highest education level** (optional)

**Do you identify as a person with a disability?** (optional)

Yes

No

## JOINING OUR PANEL

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Each year we invite select grant recipients to join our judging panel for future grant applications. If you are interested and willing to join our panel in the future, please check the box below:

Yes, I would be interested in joining future judging panels.

## HOW TO SUBMIT

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1. **Download** the Grant Application PDF form
2. **Complete** all of the required fields.
3. **Send** the completed form along with your resume to [info@rjchristensen-fdn.org](mailto:info@rjchristensen-fdn.org).
4. In the email **"Subject" line**, please include "Grant Application" along with your full name.

You are also welcome to print and mail your application and all supporting forms to:

**Raymond J. Christensen Foundation**  
PO Box 1002  
Lakeville, MN 55044

Once submitted, no changes or alterations can be made.

Thank you for applying!