



2023 STUDENT GRANT GUIDELINES

The Berkeley FILM Foundation (BFF) is pleased to announce the 2023 grant program, opening Monday April 10, 2023. Once you have read through the grant guidelines and find you are a qualified candidate, we invite you to submit an application using our Submittable portal on our website (www.berkeleyfilmfoundation.org). **To accommodate university final exams - will are extending the deadline to students to May 30 at 5pm PST.**

We are pleased to sponsor a funding opportunity for student filmmakers currently enrolled in a full-time film program. Individual grants of up to \$5,000 can underwrite production, post- production or distribution expenses. In addition to the online application, the applicant must submit a clip or trailer (up to 10-minute clip), of the work for which the grant is sought. Prior work is not required to submit with the application.

Grant Description

The BFF will support student filmmakers whose work combines intellectual clarity with creative use of the medium. We support both narrative and documentary works that have a social consciousness and addresses complex issues of our time.

Student Funding Guidelines

Berkeley FILM Foundation will award grants in the production, post-production and distribution stages. Applicants may submit one project for consideration per funding cycle, with a maximum request of \$5,000.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be over the age of 18.
- Student must live in the cities of Berkeley, Emeryville, Albany, El Cerrito, Richmond or Oakland. You may not use a P.O. Box address.
- Must be currently enrolled in a full-time film studies program in the following counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco or Marin.
- Be the primary creator of work submitted.
- BFF will not consider a new film proposal from a former grant recipient until the prior funded film is completed.

Eligible Genre:

- Short Form Animation (30 minutes or less)
- Short Form Narratives (30 minutes or less)
- Short Documentary (40 minutes or less)
- Long Documentary (over 40 minutes)

NOT Eligible:

- Broadcast news journalism
- Broadcast reality entertainment
- Advertising Commercials
- Industrial or Corporate Media

What We Do Not Fund:

- We do not cover costs retroactively.
- Media projects other than film or video.
- Organizational projects for internal or promotional use.
- General operating expenses of companies or organizations.

APPLYING FOR A BERKELEY FILM FOUNDATION GRANT

The application must be submitted via Submittable using the link on the 'Apply' page on our website, www.berkeleyfilmfoundation.org that will be live on Monday April 10, 2023. Applicants will be required to include the following items:

1. **Current resume:** Please include a current resume for the director and producer in the application that describe the professional

activities and achievements. Other key personnel on the project may be listed on the resume as well, if you choose.

2. **Project Budget:** Please include your project budget for consideration when completing the application. Please ensure this document is concise and easy to read. If applying for a distribution grant, please provide a detailed distribution budget and the total production cost. **Please make sure the document is formatted correctly and blank cells do not bleed onto additional pages.**

3. **Footage:**

For Short & Long Form Documentaries, Animation and Narratives: Provide a maximum 10-minute clip as a Vimeo link to your project. If a password is needed, please use: BFF.

- a. You may also provide previous work samples to better understand your creative style and scope of your work. This is not required.

Student Application Review

Student grants are approved by the Berkeley FILM Foundation Board of Directors acting upon the recommendations of the Grant Review Panel. The Grant Review Panel is comprised of six to eight industry professionals distinguished in their respective artistic fields.

- Official applications and support documents must be received by Monday May 30, 2023.
- The review process takes five to six weeks before making recommendations. Applicants notified of award decisions no later than end of July 2023.

Please note: Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. The Berkeley FILM Foundation can only fund a small percentage of the applicants we receive. A rejection does not preclude future applications. If you are awarded a grant, the film must conduct one community screening in partnership with BFF following completion, taking into consideration signed distribution contracts.

For technical assistance, including troubles accessing your account or uploading files, please contact Submittable Support at support@submittable.com

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