**Polyamory Foundation Grant Application**

***Instructions:***

**1.** **Purpose**

Our grants are awarded to enable projects or activities that fulfill our [Statement of Purpose](https://www.polyamoryfoundation.org/): in brief, to advance public awareness and understanding of ethical polyamory, its principles and best practices, and to aid the ethical-polyamory community.

**2. Eligibility**

Applicant must be age 18 or over.

We can only issue grants in the United States.

Our grants are made toward educational or charitable purposes per the IRS. We cannot make grants that support or oppose political candidates or ballot measures or lobby for items of legislation.

We cannot pay for counseling, legal, or other personal bills.

Grants can be made to individuals or to organizations, but in either case the applying individual agrees to take personal responsibility for proper use of the grant, documentation of expenditures, and the required report(s) on the work done. We cannot pay individuals for time worked, only for expenses incurred.

Since polyamory is founded on good ethics, grants shall be awarded to individuals or organizations that act in line with high ethical standards in our opinion, including ethics toward the wider poly community. We support safe, caring community. We support equal respect for persons of all identities.

Grantees need to explain to us the expected benefits/ impacts of the project, report to us during and/or after the project what was done, and provide us with a statement and/or documentation that all funds were used as agreed in pursuit of the Foundation's charitable/educational Statement of Purpose. We may provide any or all of this information to the IRS.

You will need to inform us of any connection you have to Polyamory Foundation directors, officers, or major donors in order for us to avoid conflict of interest.

To apply, use the application form below. You’ll need to agree to the checkbox points (certifications) at the end of it, and sign it.

**3. Some of our priorities in choosing among applications**

The Foundation gives priority to projects that will have concrete, widespread, and permanent benefits. Efficacy matters.

The Foundation holds dear the principles of ethics, morality, honesty, goodwill, and transparency, especially as exhibited in community.

An application gains weight with us if it will serve or benefit marginalized or under-represented communities, including by increasing representation.

**4. Award limits / Use of grant funds**

Typical awards will usually range from $100 to $5,000, with the hope of funding at least 10 projects/activities each year.

We wish to directly fund specific projects/activities. If you are a nonprofit organization that aligns with our Statement of Purpose, we have more flexibility. We cannot fund any unrelated travel or personal expenses. We do not pay individuals for their time worked, only for expenses incurred.

Recipients agree to return grant funds if the project or activity is not completed or is substantially changed from the application or other agreement without our approval. Unused/leftover funds must be returned, unless we both agree in writing how they will be used for further allowed purposes.

**5. Deadlines**

Proposals may be submitted anytime.

**6. Reports**

A report on what the project did, and its outcomes and impacts, is due within one month of the project/activity’s completion. Interim reports will be required for projects extending more than three months. We'll send you a report form along with approval of your grant application.

The report(s) should specify accomplishments, problems, and any lessons learned. The final report should include a summary suitable for publication in the Foundation’s newsletter, website, or elsewhere.

NOTE: Grantees need to tell us the expected benefits/impacts of their project, report to us during and/or after the project what was done, and provide us with receipts/statements documenting that the granted funds were used as agreed in pursuit of the Foundation's charitable/educational Statement of Purpose. We will provide this information to the IRS as required.

**Grant Application Form**

***ABOUT YOU:***

Applicant (legal name of person responsible for the project/activity):

Are you age 18 or over?

Organization involved in the project/activity (if any):

Your title/position in the organization (if any):

Your physical address (must be US):

Email address(es):

Phone/s:

Website/ social media of the applicant and/or organization (if applicable):

Other participants/stakeholders in the project. Add lines as needed.

 1. Name, involvement, email:

 2. Name, involvement, email:

 3. Name, involvement, email:

 4. Name, involvement, email:

Please briefly describe your, and/or the organization’s, polyamory advocacy, activism, and community organizing experience, if any:

Polyamory/ ENM / CNM / or related organizations that you belong to or are active in, if any:

*Conflict of interest:* Do you or any beneficiary of the proposed grant have a relationship of any kind with a [Polyamory Foundation officer, director](https://www.polyamoryfoundation.org/the-board) or substantial donor (more than $5,000)? Including but not limited to a family relationship, partnership, or business/financial involvement. If so, describe:

***ABOUT YOUR PROJECT:***

Name of the project/activity:

Is its primary purpose to educate or benefit members of the polyamory community and/or the general public? (Answer Yes or No.)

Its location, if at a specific place or region:

Short description (up to 100 words):

Longer description and further information, if helpful.

Goals/ objectives/ intended outcomes. Be specific, preferably with measurables:

Tell how the project advances our [Statement of Purpose](https://www.polyamoryfoundation.org/):

***YOUR REQUESTS:***

Itemized budget: List your specific expense requests and the amount for each. Add more lines if needed. Explain in detail if something might be unclear. Paste in anything that helps document a requested expense (such as photos or screenshots of prices/ tickets/ job quotes/ receipts).

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Total amount requested:

Total cost or estimated cost of the project if known, including funds from other sources:

Have you received other funding for this or for similar work? Describe:

Is a personal shortage of funds hindering the project/activity? (Saying “no” is not disqualifying, but we may favor activists who are hard up.)

We actively support goals of diversity, equity and inclusion. Will this project aid or benefit in particular an underserved, marginalized, or historically oppressed community? If so, please describe. Are you a member of such a community?

Anything else you’d like to add, or other supporting material? OK to paste things in.

***CERTIFICATIONS:***

Type an **x** next to the checkboxes to indicate that you agree:

□ I have read and understand the Instructions above.

□ I certify that the statements herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

□ I understand and agree that the use of grant funds is restricted to actual expenses of the project, and that I will supply receipts as required showing that the money is used for the intended purposes. I understand that funds may not be used for any purposes other than in pursuance of the agreed project. (If in doubt about whether something would be appropriate, please ask.)

□ I agree to submit a report or reports describing what was done, the project’s outcomes and impacts, and any problems encountered or lessons learned.

□ I agree that such report(s) may be made public; private information should be communicated separately. I understand that if I receive a grant the Foundation may be required to submit my legal name, address, the purpose and details of the grant, its amount, and possibly other information to tax and other authorities, and that those documents will become public records visible online. The Foundation will also post its IRS filings containing such information (Form 990-PF), and possibly other filings, on its website.

□ By accepting a grant, I agree to any conditions placed on it. I will follow directions of the Foundation if the grant is awarded, or return the grant if we cannot reach agreement.

□ I agree to return grant funds that are left over or not appropriately spent in furtherance of the project, or if I don’t provide required receipts, or if in the Foundation’s opinion the project changed too substantially from the description in this application. (We may approve changes partway through, but do ask.)

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Name of applicant

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Signature Date

(If necessary, you can type in an electronic signature if you send this document from your own email account through your own internet connection.)