

COVID-19 Emergency Grant 2021

This form is for dramatists (playwrights, composers, lyricists, and librettists) to apply for emergency financial assistance from the Dramatists Guild Foundation due to Covid-19 related circumstances.

Eligibility Form

Please choose the option that applies to you. Please note, your script or score can be unproduced:

- I have written a completed script or score for the American theater.
- My play or musical has been presented for an audience of ticket-buyers.
- I have received monetary compensation for my writing a play or musical for the American theater.
- I have attended an MFA program in playwriting or musical theater writing.
- I am a member of the Dramatists Guild of America, the Playwrights' Center, New Dramatists, the Lark, or the BMI Musical Theater Workshop.
- More than one of the above.
- None of the above.

Eligibility Status

If you have selected None of the Above, you unfortunately do not meet the eligibility requirements for a DGF Emergency Grant. Please see The Actors Fund, The Authors League Fund, or PEN America for similar funding opportunities.

Application Form

One of the intentions of the Dramatists Guild Foundation (DGF) is to assist writers in times of extreme personal hardship. The questions below are to assist DGF in evaluating your situation. Please be assured that all information furnished by you will be kept in the strict confidence of DGF's staff and review Committee.

**indicates a required field*

Preferred Name*:

Legal Name *(if different from preferred name)*:

Pronouns *(e.g. she/her, they/them, he/his, etc.)**:

Current Mailing Address*

Street *(e.g. 123 Main Street, #1A)*:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Email Address*:

Phone Number*:

Age*:

Your Emergency

In this section of the application, please tell us about the emergency you are currently facing. Your responses will help us better understand how we can best support your needs.

Please check all that apply regarding the nature of your emergency. (It is assumed that all applicants have been impacted by COVID-19.)*

- Medical
- Housing
- Living expenses (*groceries, utilities, transportation, etc.*)
- Dependent care
- Natural Disaster Relief (*not COVID-19*)
- Legal
- Other

Please tell us about the current hardship you are facing.* (350 word max.)

Please indicate the amount of financial assistance you are requesting.* \$ _____

Please provide a breakdown of how you plan to use this grant.*

Please include with your completed application form one document verifying your status/request.* You may also email this document to applications@dgf.org.

(This may include medical bills, termination notices, contracts, utility bills, rent receipts, etc. You may submit formal documents if you have them--if not, other written correspondence such as emails will suffice.)

Career Information

In this section, please tell us about your career writing for the stage.

Have you written/are you writing for the theatre? Please provide details*:

Please include with your completed application form any document that confirms your career as a writer for the theater. You may also email this document to applications@dgf.org.*

Examples: A stage resume, an original script for the theater, a libretto, a musical score inclusive of lyrics, press clippings, a program from a staged performance, or verification of DGA membership.

Please note: We cannot accept scripts written for television or film. Please include the title and your full name on the cover page of your work. You may submit scripts/scores for works that have not been produced. DGF reserves the right to verify your documentation.

Financial State

In this section, please answer the questions below to give us an overview of your finances. This will enable us to prioritize applicants by severity of need.

Please specify any present sources and amounts of income.*
(These may include wages, pensions, dividends, interest payments, royalties, etc.)

How do you currently manage your finances? Please check all that apply.

- Checking
- Savings, Money Market, etc.
- Business bank account
- Other payment accounts (cash, prepaid cards, Venmo, PayPal, CashApp, etc.)

Applications with incomplete financial documentation may take longer to process.

If yes, please include with your completed application form the most recent summary and/or any documentation for any of the above accounts or methods you have indicated. For accounts, this should include your name, the last four digits of the account, and the account balance. Transaction history is not required. You may also email these documents to applications@dgf.org.

Do you own securities, stocks, bonds, real estate, or other investments?*

- Yes
- No

If yes, please elaborate.*

If yes, please include with your completed application form documentation/account summaries for those investments.*

Do you live in a multiple-income household?*

- Yes
- No
- Other

If yes, please elaborate. *

If yes, what was your total household income last month?* \$ _____

What was your total individual income last month?* \$ _____

Do you have dependents?*

- Yes
- No

If yes, please list the age of your dependent(s) and your relationship to them.*

Have you received a DGF Emergency Grant(s) prior to March 12, 2020?*

- Yes
- No

If yes, please list the years received. *

Have you received a DGF Emergency Grant(s) since March 12, 2020?*

- Yes
- No

If yes, please list the date(s) and amount(s).

At this time, DGF is accepting return applicants and prioritizing first-time applicants.

If yes, have your financial circumstances changed or stayed the same since your previous grant? *

What is your preferred payment method? *

Checking your preferred payment method does not guarantee that our Committee will be able to grant your request.

- ACH Transfer (*Please note: ACH is a quicker payment method.*)
- Check payment

If you have selected ACH Transfer, please include with your completed application form a voided check or bank letter verifying the account where you will receive the award. You may also email this document to applications@dgf.org. If you are unbanked, DGF will pay for your check cashing fee.

How did you learn of the Dramatists Guild Foundation? *

- Dramatists Guild of America
- dgf.org
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Other:

Are you a member of the Dramatists Guild of America? *

- Yes
- No
- Previously

May DGF share your application with organizations that offer similar emergency funding?*

Your application would be shared in an effort to ensure you receive additional support. Your application will remain confidential within our organizations.

- Yes
- No

- I understand that application processing times may vary. DGF appreciates your patience as we work quickly to support the many artists in need at this time.*
- I understand that the decision of whether or not to provide an Emergency Grant, as well as the amount thereof, is at the sole and absolute discretion of DGF, and prior to the disbursement thereof, is subject to change. *

Additional Information (optional)

DGF is committed to reaching and funding applicants who are representative of different and diverse backgrounds and experiences, including but not limited to diversity of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, religion, ability, culture, and socioeconomics. In order to help us measure and meet these goals, we are including this demographic survey. Your participation is voluntary. This information will not impact DGF's review of your request.

What is your age?

- Under 20
- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70-79
- 80 or older

Are you Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and/or Queer?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

What is your gender identity?

- Woman

- Man
- Non-binary
- Agender
- Gender queer
- Gender fluid
- Prefer not to say
- Prefer to self-describe: _____

Do you identify as transgender?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer to self- describe: _____
- Prefer not to say

Which of the following best describes you? (Please select all that apply).

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian/Asian American
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latinx
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Non-Hispanic White
- Unknown
- Not listed or prefer to self-describe:
- Prefer not to answer _____

Do you identify as a military veteran or service member?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

I certify that the above is correct and complete. I understand that any grant may need to be disclosed as part of the Dramatists Guild Foundation's public filing