



THE ASCAP FOUNDATION
2020 GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The **ASCAP Foundation** was established in 1975 and is a publicly supported charitable organization dedicated to supporting American music creators and encouraging their development through music education and talent development programs. Included in these programs are songwriting workshops, scholarships, awards and recognition programs, and providing grants to 501(c)(3) organizations engaged in educational programs for aspiring songwriters and composers.

The ASCAP Foundation invites **Grant Applications** from 501(c)(3) organizations engaging in music education and talent development programs that are consistent with the mission and objectives of The ASCAP Foundation and, in particular, those that support programs for aspiring songwriters and composers. Our average grant is between \$1,500 - \$3,000 and is made on an annual one-time basis. **Proposals being considered for funding are by invitation only. The deadline for submitting a grant application for 2020 funding is October 1, 2019.**

The ASCAP Foundation does not consider requests for general operating or administrative support or annual giving campaigns, capital purposes, endowments, deficit operations, recordings, marketing efforts or performance and production funding, nor do we purchase advertisements, sponsor events or donate equipment.

ASCAP Foundation Grant Applications are made available by invitation only. Grant proposals are reviewed in October and November, and determinations for funding are made by The ASCAP Foundation board in December for the following fiscal year. Organizations are notified in January as to whether they have received funding. Organizations can submit only one Grant Application per calendar year. All organizations that currently receive an ASCAP Foundation grant are required at the end of the project and no later than October 1st to submit **The ASCAP Foundation Program Report**, which can be found in the **Grants** section of our website at www.ascapfoundation.org.

The ASCAP Foundation receives a significant number of grant requests from other 501(c)(3) organizations engaging in music programs that are consistent with our mission. Although many of the proposals we receive are worthy of financial support, our funds are limited. Therefore it is important that the programs we do support make every effort to credit The ASCAP Foundation whenever and wherever possible.

Being mindful of any actual or perceived conflicts of interests between prospective grantees and The ASCAP Foundation, please let me know if any member of the Board of Directors of The ASCAP Foundation are involved in any way with the governance of your organization. Here is a link to The ASCAP Foundation Board of Directors: <https://www.ascapfoundation.org/about>. If you have further questions please contact Julie Lapore, Associate Director at JLapore@ascap.com,