

MadWerkz RENDER Grant Application

SUMMER 2025

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION! PLEASE APPLY ONLINE

THIS SAMPLE APPLICATION IS TO AID YOU IN PREPARING THE APPROPRIATE MATERIALS TO MAKE YOUR APPLICATION PROCESS FAST AND EFFECTIVE

Questions? Contact us at imagineeverything@gmail.com

Please Read

IMPORTANT APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Application Deadline – Monday, September 15th@Midnight

Notification Schedule: 3-4 Weeks after application submittal

This application requires documents to be uploaded. At this time, it is not recommended that items be uploaded from an iPad or iPhone. To be certain, it is best to fill out this application from a desktop computer.

This is an online application.

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Project Title *

If you have more than one project, you must submit another application

Applicant's Name *

First

Last

Production Company (if applicable)

Where did you hear about the RENDER Grant? (Check all that apply)

- Facebook
- Ad (Social Media)
- Referral
- Film Organization / Film Commission / Film School
- Other

If Other, explain:

Referring Person or Organization (If applicable)

Section 2

Film Website / URL

Input the website of the film (if available)

YouTube Trailer

Input the Trailer of the project (if available)

Film Facebook Page

Input the Facebook url of the film (if available)

Section 3

Type of Grant Requested *

- Feature – Narrative
- Feature – Documentary
- Short – Narrative
- Short – Documentary
- Television – Mini Series
- Television – Episodic

Choose the best choice that applies

Type of Film for Grant (copy) *

- Feature – Narrative
- Feature – Documentary
- Short – Narrative
- Short – Documentary
- Television – Mini Series
- Television – Episodic

Choose the best choice that applies

Production Format *

- Digital Cinema
- Film Stock
- Animation – 2D
- Animation – 3D
- Virtual Production (Unreal Engine)
- Other

If Other, explain: (copy)

1. Pitch Cover Letter

Please Read Carefully

Please name your file:

“FirstName-LastName-ProjectName-Pitch-Cover-Letter”.pdf (or doc)

Please upload your Pitch Cover letter to go with the additional grant materials you will upload. (see below). The Pitch should restate your Logline and Short Synopsis, explain where you are currently in production, and answer the following questions:

- **What stage of the project are you in? Research, development, pre-production, production, or post?**
- **Approximately which grant(s) do you need?**
- **Do you have a release (theatrical, festival run, distribution) and marketing plan for your project? If so, please attach your plan below.**
- **Are there any unique or special features to your project?**
- **Do you have coverage on your script or outline?**
- **How is your project being funded? How much have you raised?**

Video Pitch (Optional)

If you would prefer to submit a Visual Pitch, upload it to Vimeo or YouTube, keep it unlisted (not public), and send us the link below. Use the medium to your advantage, but be sure to name the video in keeping with our name structure:

“FirstName-LastName-ProjectName-Pitch-Cover-Video”

In both cases, be sure to provide as much detail as possible.

Project Logline *

Pitch Cover Letter

Click or drag a file to this area to upload.

Upload your Pitch Cover Letter (doc, .xls, .ppt, .pdf). 25mb file size limit.

Optional: Pitch Cover Video: Vimeo or YouTube Link

Input video link

2. Proposal

Please Read Carefully

Please name your file: “FirstName-LastName-ProjectName-Proposal”.pdf (or doc)

Please upload your 1-6 page Proposal (for documentaries), or a 1-2 page Story Synopsis or Outline (for short films or features). If short or feature, please include the first 10 pages of your script, any pages that include visual effects. Also

include any Look Development, swatches, Lookbook, and examples of the color plan you have.

Include the following:

- Name and CV/reel of the Visual Effects Supervisor
- Name and reel of the Director of Photography
- Any Photos or Samples, if you have them

Be sure to provide as much detail as possible.

Project Logline and Synopsis or Outline (Please name your file:
"FirstName-LastName-ProjectName-Proposal".pdf (or doc)) *

Click or drag a file to this area to upload.

Upload your Project Logline, and Synopsis instead (doc, .xls, .ppt, .pdf). If you have it in a document. 25 MB file size limit.

3. Marketing/Distribution/Social Media Plan

Please name your file:

"FirstName-LastName-ProjectName-MarCom-Distribution-plan".pdf (or doc)

Project Logline and Synopsis or Outline (Please name your file:
"FirstName-LastName-ProjectName-MarCom-Distribution-plan".pdf (or doc)) *

Click or drag a file to this area to upload.

Upload your Project Logline, Synopsis instead (doc, .xls, .ppt, .pdf). If you have it in a document. 25mb file size limit.

4. Producer/Crew Bios

Please name your file:

"FirstName-LastName-ProjectName-Producer-Crew-Bios".pdf (or doc)

Project Logline and Synopsis or Outline (Please name your file:

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5. Budget

Please name your file: **"FirstName-LastName-ProjectName-Budget".pdf (or doc)**

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"FirstName-LastName-ProjectName-Budget".pdf (or doc)) *

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6. Sample Work (If any)

Enter a URL to previous work, a video of your demo reel, sample work, or work product.

Video URL (prior work)

Demo Reel URL

Applicant's Role on Sample Work as Credited *

Describe the role the applicant held in the work sample

Section 4

RENDER Grant Rules of Award

Please read thoroughly:

There are a few Rules to applying for the grant. Simple, yet we are steadfast in our insistence that they are followed. No exceptions.

- Untruthful and deceptive statements, admissions, and/or attempts to deceive the jury, MadWerkz, will be grounds for immediate cancellation of the award and will subject the applicant to a request for repayment of all services provided at that time.
- The services provided in the grant may only be used for the Project they were awarded. This is grounds for immediate cancellation of the award and will subject the applicant to a request for repayment of all services provided at that time.
- We do not offer grants to productions that have funding above \$75K.
- Productions that are receiving State Tax Incentives are prohibited from receiving a grant.
- Relatives, business partners, and employees of MadWerkz, the Judges, Grant Handlers, and assistants are prohibited from applying.
- The grant award may not be used or implied as an endorsement of the applicant's Project.
- Applicants agree that the Project may not contain any sexually explicit, illegal, or content of a graphic nature that violates the laws of the United States or its territories.
- The applicant may use the grant award in their promotional activities and MarCom plans.

- Applicants agree to freely disclose all content that would violate the rules and terms set forth here.

RENDER Grant Application Disclaimer

MadWerkz Studios makes no representations or guarantees, verbally or in writing, that shall be deemed as a form of award or acceptance of this application. Applications' acceptance shall be communicated, in writing via email, directly to the applicant as listed in the application.

Nothing in this application, statements, or accompanying writings, communications, advertisements, or social media engagements on behalf of the RENDER Grant shall be construed as a promise or guarantee regarding the outcome of the Candidate's application.

MadWerkz grants services to Candidates based solely on the potential of their application, their skills, and the promise of their project. The grant reward will be decided by the voting of judges.

MadWerkz or the Judges' comments about the potential, comments, or outcome of Candidates' projects are expressions of opinion only. The Judges' opinions are theirs alone.

In addition, MadWerkz shall have no liability whatsoever for any claim relating to any Candidate's inability to access the information properly or completely or for any claim related to any errors or omissions in the services.

The Grants are provided on an "as is" and an "as available" basis. "MadWerkz" makes no guarantees or warranties on products, services, sales, or trade situations, whether express or implied. "MadWerkz" and its related entities disclaim the implied warranties of titles, merchantability, and fitness for a particular purpose.

Candidates and Grantees shall indemnify and hold MadWerkz harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits, and other forms of liability, including liability for reasonable counsel fees and other legal costs and expenses that may arise out of, or by reason of, any action taken or not taken by the Candidates and/or Grantees in conformance with this provision.

Signature *

Section 5

Application Handling Fee

Please Read Carefully

Choose which grants you want to apply for. NOTE: You can apply for as many grants as you believe will help you. NOTE: You will still need to pay the handling fee for each grant you apply for.

The handling fee is to pay for an assistant to process and distribute your application to our judges. This person will also be available to answer any questions you may have concerning the grant. If you are applying for multiple grants and would like to request a discount, contact us at Producer@MadWerkz

- The Handling Fee for each Grant is \$25, except for the Find Your Sky Mega Grant which is \$35
- There is an additional \$3 fee for Square processing

Good Luck!

Type(s) of Grants Requested *

- 25K Find Your Sky (All In)
- 15K: The L. Kennedy Color Grading
- 12.5K: Heroes and Villains 2025 Visual Effects
- 8K: Dolby Atmos 5.1 Audio Post
- 5K: 2025 DCP I Digital Cinema Packaging

- 2.5K: 2025 Let's Fix It in Pre-Production Consult

You may choose as many as you like, though there is a handling fee for each entry.