

YASHA FOUNDATION

Yasha Memorial Grant 2026 OFFICIAL APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. THE YASHA FOUNDATION: MISSION AND LEGACY

The Yasha Foundation was established to preserve and extend the creative spirit of Yasha, exactly one year after his passing. Yasha believed that art, literature, and continuous learning were the fundamental pillars of a free society.

This grant program is designed to empower young professionals and students to take bold steps in their creative journeys. We do not just fund "tasks"; we fund "growth."

2. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Individual Project Grant aims to:

- Support the professional development of young creators and cultural managers.
- Facilitate the creation of new artistic and literary works.
- Enable access to international and local knowledge through workshops and courses.
- Honor Yasha's legacy by fostering a community of dreamers who do.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

3.1 Age and Nationality

- Age Limit: Applicants must be between 16 and 35 years old at the time of the application deadline. (Note: For applicants under 18, a legal guardian must co-sign the grant agreement).
- Restrictions: In line with Foundation values and the current global context, applications from citizens or residents of the Russian Federation or Belarus will not be considered.

3.2 Professional Profile

The grant is open to:

- Artists, writers, poets, and musicians.
- Cultural managers, curators, and researchers.
- Students in creative or humanities disciplines.
- Self-taught creators with a demonstrable portfolio.

4. SCOPE OF SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

We want this grant to be as broad as possible to support your specific creative needs. Examples of eligible projects include:

- Educational: Enrollment in specialized online courses, masterclasses, or professional certifications.
- Mobility: Trips to attend workshops, residencies, or artistic festivals (within safety guidelines).
- Production: Publishing a book (printing, editing, layout), recording an album, or producing a short film.
- Exhibitions: Organizing a local art show or digital gallery.

5. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

5.1 Grant Amount

The grant value is €1,000.

5.2 Disbursement and Currency

- Currency: While the grant is valued in EUR, the payment will be made in UAH (Ukrainian Hryvnia).
- Exchange Rate: The amount will be calculated according to the National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) rate on the day of the signing of the Grant Agreement.
- Installments:
 - 75% upon signing the agreement to initiate the project.
 - 25% upon successful submission of the final report and creative output.

5.3 Eligible Expenses (What we cover)

- External Services: Participation fees for events, online courses, and professional consultations.
- Marketing: Design, copywriting, video/photo production, and SMM.
- Administration: Temporary rent of creative space or specialized equipment.
- Digital Tools: Purchase of software licenses (e.g., Adobe Suite, Scrivener) necessary for the project.
- Remuneration (Organiser): You may allocate 7% of the total grant (€70) as a management fee for yourself.
- Experts: Fees for facilitators, editors, or mentors.

5.4 Ineligible Expenses (What we DO NOT cover)

- Ongoing office rent or existing organizational salaries.
- Costs already covered by other funding sources (double-funding).
- Purchase of hardware/equipment (e.g., laptops, cameras) or renovations.
- Taxes, bank fees, and currency commissions.
- Taxi rides or personal daily expenses.
- Costs incurred before signing the agreement.

6. APPLICATION COMPONENTS

To be considered, you must submit the following four documents:

1. Identity Documents: A scan of the first pages of your passport and the page with your registration/residency.
2. Professional CV: A maximum of 2 pages. This should detail your professional experience, education, internships, and any previous scholarships or fellowships.
3. Motivation Letter: A 1-page document explaining why this project is vital for your growth and how it honors the spirit of the Foundation.
4. Project Budget (The Template): Use our Excel/CSV template to justify every cent. You must fill out both the Budget Plan and the Justification sheets.

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7. SELECTION PROCESS & TIMELINE

- Submission Window: **May 14, 2026 – July 14, 2026 (20:00 Kyiv Time)**.
- Technical Review: July 15 – July 20 (Ensuring all documents are present).
- Internal Assessment: July 21 – August 10.
- Announcement: August 14, 2026.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Feasibility (30%): Can this be done in 4 months with €1,000?
- Impact (40%): How much will this move your career forward?
- Creativity (30%): Is the project original and inspiring?

8. RULES AND RECTIFICATIONS

- One Application Rule: You may submit only one application per call. Multiple entries will lead to automatic disqualification.
- Transparency: All selected winners will be published on the Yasha Foundation website.
- Reporting: Winners must provide a 1-page impact report and a digital copy/link of the result (e.g., a PDF of the book, a link to the course certificate, or photos of the workshop).

9. CONTACT AND SUPPORT

For all technical questions regarding the budget form or application portal, contact: Email:

grants@yashafoundation.org

Deadline for consultations: July 10, 2026.



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