

**BIRDSONG - DAVID MARTIN NEW MUSIC FOUNDATION
GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

Qualify: If you follow this form and say “yes” to the first six questions then we encourage you to go ahead and apply for a Birdsong New Music Grant!

1) Birdsong - David Martin New Music Fund is open to all people living with mental illness who are Canadian citizens and are musicians. Are you a Canadian living with mental illness?

2) You are not afraid to be part of the process to change the way Canadian's view people who live with mental illness through your message in your music?

3) You have a medical diagnosis from a Canadian Medical facility or doctor and are a person who lives with mental illness?

(You do not need to disclose details unless you are a final contestant through the selection process. Your personal medical information will never be shared or published without your written and signed approval.)

4) Do you write, perform, compose your own original music?

5) Are you an adult and have reached the age of majority in your province which is the age at which a person is considered by law an adult? (Each province and territory in Canada varies between the ages of 18 and 19. Please check that you have reached the age of majority in the province where you reside.)

6) Do you have a dream which is to hear your music released to the world?

If you say “yes” to these 6 questions -- we want to help you make your dream come true.

HOW IT WORKS: Selection:

Each year BIRDSONG - David Martin New Music Foundation will select 3 Canadian musicians/composers/performers who have never been published before —realize their dream of recording their music with a record producer and releasing it to the world.

Our music voting board will meet two times a year (April 2020, Sept. 2020) to listen to the grant applicants and will make a selection.

Format:

- Send your “New Music” through — YouTube or memory stick
- Write your lyrics from each song
- Minimum amount of songs for consideration - send 2 or 3 songs

Selection:

Most of our “Music Selection Board Members” are musicians/composers themselves or have worked in the Canadian Music Industry for many years. They will together assess the applicants in the following way:

- Impact, beauty & impression of the music composition
- Message - strength of the lyrics
- Uniqueness of the sound
- Production Vision
- (written inclusion of what you would like to see added to your demo?
(additional vocals, other instruments)

We will contact ALL applicants but ONLY SELECTED ARTISTS will be called or emailed to make arrangements to begin production.

If you are funded by BIRDSONG you will be assigned a project coordinator and also a record producer/recording engineer.

BIRDSONG will pay for the production and mastering costs of three of your songs and when complete — they will be put up for sale on the BIRDSONG website platform.

At no time will BIRDSONG - David Martin New Music Foundation own rights to your original music. All rights will be registered through SOCAN (Music Publishers of Canada) a performance rights organization in your name.

With the “sale of your music” we will reimburse our costs so we can select new participants and it will be up to you if you wish to donate a percentage of music sale royalties back to our foundation.
(Suggested donation: 25% but NOT mandatory)

HOW TO APPLY:

Fill out this 3 page form and email it to us along with 2 or 3 of your original New Music compositions via YouTube Video. You can also send a memory stick with lyrics and this application via mail to the following address:

8 Hartington Place Ottawa, Ontario K2P1J1, Canada

Also please send your application to our email:
hello@birdsongfoundation.com

Suggestion: If sending via mail and NOT via YouTube — take a single-take, unedited sound or video recording of yourself performing your new music

Max. 3 songs — (not longer than 3 min. per song suggested) mp3 or mp4 file formats on a memory stick.

Please attach typed or legible written lyrics to each songs. We also suggest bubble wrap if mailing.

APPLICATION

Name: _____

Date of birth (yyyy/mm/dd): _____

E-mail address: _____

Work telephone: _____

Home telephone: _____

Address: _____

Mailing address (if different from home address):

Additional person we can contact to reach you/ their relationship to you and their phone number and email:

How long have you been composing/performing your own music?

Tell us a bit about the music you listen to (influences) and the music you like to compose. (Note: there are no right or wrong answers to any of these questions - we just want to get to know you.)

SONG VISION:

Please tell us about the vision of EACH song you want to send us. (up to three songs) In your opinion — what do you like about it? In your opinion is anything missing? For example — would you like to see other back up vocals (male, female), violin? additional guitar? percussion? etc. or do you like it the way it is.

NOTE: if you feel that you only want to compose the music and write the lyrics but would like us to help you find the vocalist that is also acceptable.

Title of SONG 1 and notes:

Title of SONG 2 and notes:

Title of SONG 3 and notes:

Does anyone else perform in your demo's? Name of other musician or vocalist if any and telephone number and email of additional performer if any

SECTION C: Mental Health and disclosure - Changing the way society looks at people who live with mental illness. We believe that it is courageous to talk about anything to do with your health. Note that we follow all confidentiality laws in each province. This section can be filled out or left blank. It WILL NOT IMPACT OUR SELECTION if you leave it blank.

Only musicians who are chosen for the BIRDSONG MUSIC GRANT will be asked to disclose medical information to establish the fact that they are living with mental illness. It is up to you to share what you wish to share. We have your back!

Note: This section is not mandatory but helpful. Describe your mental illness and how it affects your life? You can also write a blog for BIRDSONG if you wish to share your strength and hope with others.

SECTION D: Describe the ways you have or would like to contribute as a musician/songwriter to your community. For example - do you go to “Open Mike’s”(a place you can perform your music) in a local establishment in your community and share your music on stage? Is there something like that in your town?

Describe challenges and obstacles to your success in the past and the ways you have responded to these.

Just tell us anything else you wish to share about yourself and your love of music. :)

SECTION E: Team work - we want to work with you and a friend.

Reference: this should be someone who knows you well.

Reference Name: _____

Phone number(s): _____

email: _____

Relationship to you:

We ALSO recommend that you befriend us on FACEBOOK if you are ok with that — so we can be in touch via social media and messenger or just stay in touch with us on email.

We can be found on facebook at:

birdsongfoundation@birdsongfund

Our email: Hello@birdsongfoundation.com

You agree that we at Birdsong -- David Martin New Music Foundation can disclose your application to our Board of Directors and Music Voting Board and if selected — you have given our Charity Foundation (Birdsong - David Martin New Music Foundation) permission to use your name, demo footage (video) and new music to release and publish details as we deem necessary for the successful launch of your new music on our website:

birdsongfoundation.myshopify.com

Thank you for your submission. We look forward to speaking with you soon!

Your team at BIRDSONG - Maggie, Brock, Jared, Jim, Evan, Irena!

Please sign and date your application as an agreement to these terms:

Print and sign

Date: _____