

OSBD FILM FUND 2023.

GUIDELINES.

The **OSBD FILM FUND** is a brand-new initiative.

Applications will close noon January 20th 2023

It has been made possible from a generous individual donation and further funding from Paddle.com, an international tech company interested in developing film talent. The fund is also being supported by OSBD partner Creative Alliance.

A minimum of £1,000 must be spent on the film to be created / completed and up to a max of £500 can be spent on something that helps the awardee personally such as training or a piece of equipment that enhances your ability to develop in filmmaking.

The award does not need to be repaid but will be paid out in stages.

Films should be completed and submitted by August 31st 2023.

Our hope through the annual fund is to help develop emerging filmmakers as well as see a number of bold and engaging short form documentary films created and distributed. The emphasis is firmly on documentary as that is a niche we have always had and particularly the charities co-founder and director Pip Piper, who is a very experienced documentary filmmaker.

The nature of your documentary film can be varied. It could be:

- Traditional narrative, following a specific story or person.
- Self-focused, auto biographical.
- Experimental.
- Animation.
- Docu-drama.
- Or a mix of all of the above!

The films length should be no longer than 20 minutes but we would encourage you to aim for nearer 10 mins or less , especially if using animation or more complicated elements. Help and advice will be offered into the process to help ensure you can finish your film in time. It is acceptable that your film may already be underway, maybe you are in production or postproduction and this award will help you get over the line.

We will **not make** an award if your film is fully finished.

Film must be completed by August 31st 2023 so bear that in mind when getting really creative!

The fund is open to anyone, and we are committed to ensuring that disability, background and identity should not be a barrier. If you need some support in the process and have any questions, please email us at info@osbd.org.

The fund is not just about offering 6 people some much needed money, it is also about development and support. The mentoring aspect and 1 day workshop are key, so it is imperative that you commit to be a part of that. If there are certain issues that make that more difficult for you, please state that clearly in your application.

The mentoring will all be online and will include;

- 6 x 90-minute group sessions, once a month in the early evening. These will feature a guest filmmaker and include time to talk about your individual film projects. These will happen February 2023- July 2023.
- 4 x one to one, 60-minute mentoring sessions with an industry professional tailored to your needs and aspirations. These will happen March – June 2023 and be arranged between you and your mentor.
- Mentoring and support from OSBD director Pip Piper as and when required. These sessions can be booked by you.

The workshop day will be on Saturday July 15th in central Birmingham. Travel costs, food and training on the day will be covered by the fund. If you are having to travel from far away we may have some funds to help with overnight accommodation. The day will be an opportunity to meet one another but also look at your films and offer support. We will also have some very experienced industry guests for you to meet and learn from.

The key criteria you must adhere to are;

- You must be an emerging filmmaker and can show evidence of that.
- This fund is not for novices or for community groups, schools, colleges, or organisations.
- It is for individuals.
- You must be aged 18-30.
- A permanent UK resident.
- Competent in spoken English or British Sign Language.

In addition, each applicant and final awardees agree to the below, ***you will need to tick the boxes in the application form to do this.***

I agree to attend the online mentoring programme.

I agree to attend the training day in Birmingham July 15th 2023.

(travel, food and training will be covered.)

I agree that the OSBD logo with the wording “*with the support of OSBD*” will be added to your film end credits.

I agree OSBD can showcase and distribute the film with links that you provide.

I agree OSBD can upload a photograph and biog of myself that i provide for its website, stating I am an awardee of the OSBD film fund. It can also mention me on its social media channels.

If you have questions please email us at info@osbd.org

Questions in application form that will need to be answered if you are submitting a video instead of answering the questions in the form.

Explain to us the film you would like to make. Please include a short synopsis. The film needs to be in a *documentary format* (see guidelines) and no longer than 20 mins. This doesn't need to be a fully finalised idea as the mentoring process will help with final decisions.
Max Word count 300.

Explain how you would spend the money from the award on making the film. Outline clearly how you would spend the money to ensure your film is the best it can be. IF the award forms only a part of the overall funding please explain where the other funding is coming from.
If you are going to spend £500 on personal development, then please outline what you would spend this on and how it will benefit you.
Max Word count 300.

How will you make the film within the time scale for the project? Remember fully finished films need to be submitted by August 31st 2023.
Max Word count 300.

What is your experience in filmmaking? This fund is for emerging filmamkers and not for novice filmmakers. Please tell us about yourself and provide links to previous work you have made or contributed towards significantly.
Max Word count 300.

Specify your role within the project ? Are you the director, editor, cameraperson or producer or all of those? The award is **just for you** but please state what other team members you have, if any.