**RAFA: Radio & Audio Funding Award – Application Form Template**

**Please ensure that you have read the full criteria, guidelines and terms and conditions before completing this application form.**

**Section 1: Your Project**

* Title of your project:
* Short synopsis. Sell us your project in two sentences:

**Section 2: Your Information**

* Surname:
* First name:
* Is your application connected to a registered audio production company or are you applying as a sole producer(s)?

**Section 2A: If you are applying in connection with a registered audio production company, please complete this section 2A. If not, please leave this section blank and skip to 2B.**

* Name of company:
* Your role in the company:
* Address of the company, including country and zip/postal code:
* Company email address:
* Company Phone number:
* Please provide a URL to the company website (or social media):

**Section 2B: Please fill out this section if you are applying as a sole producer(s) (If you filled out section 2A, there is no need to fill out this section)**

* Your home address, including country and zip/postal code:
* Your email address:
* Your phone number:
* Any personal website or social media (optional):

**Section 2C (all applicants must fill this out)**

* Is your time taken up by full time employment at the moment?:
* If so, where do you work? (if not, please skip this question):
* If so, what do you do? (if you are not in full time employment, please skip this question):
* If so, and if you were successful in winning funding for your project, how likely is it that you will be allowed the necessary time off to make your documentary (again, if you are not in full time employment, please skip this question):
* What is your (production) role in connection to the application (e.g. Producer, Writer, Reporter, Editor, Sound Designer – specify all that apply):
* If you are working with others on this project, please list their names and roles below:
* Please also confirm that they know you are applying for this fund, and are happy with this:
* If you are able to work in a language other than English, please specify:

**Section 3: Some Important Practicalities**

* Your application will be judged in part by up to 6 minutes of audio recording that sells your style and the story you wish to tell. This could be an interview with a key character or a short piece you have made on this subject. It will need to be uploaded to Soundcloud or similar. Please ensure that this link is downloadable and working correctly. It should be labelled with the same project name that appears at the top of this application. Please provide the link here:
* If a password is required to access the link, please provide it here:
* Please confirm that this material is yours and that you have the right to upload it:
* At this stage, what percentage of material have you already gathered towards your final documentary?:
* It is expected that The Whickers will premiere the winning audio documentary at an audio showcase event in January 2024. How likely is it that your documentary will be ready for this deadline? In 60 words please explain your answer:

**Section 4.1: Your Project – The Full Works**

* Please provide a full project/programme synopsis, considering each of the below:
* In less than 150 words, describe your key characters and the role they will play... Protagonist? Witness? Expert? Detractor? Comic interlude? Subplot?:
* In less than 50 words, tell us how you will secure access:
* In less than 100 words describe the style and format of your programme:
* In less than 300 words describe the outline of the story, act by act:
* In less than 150 words, give us an indication of how your documentary might end:
* In less than 50 words, give us an indication of who you imagine your audience will be for this documentary:
* In less than 50 words, tell us what your audience will gain from listening to your programme?:
* In less than 50 words, give us an outline of any audio techniques you will employ to reach your creative goal:
* In less than 150 words, tell us what innovative techniques or editorial thinking there might be in this documentary:
* In less than 200 words, is there anything else that you would like to add?:

In less than 300 words, tell us how this proposal meets The Whickers Radio and Audio Funding Award criteria (these can be found on our website):

Have you applied to the RAFA before with this project?:

If yes to the above, please tell us in less than 100 words how your project has developed since your application:

**Section 4.2: Budget**

Please fill out the fields below, outlining what equipment, music rights, travel and other resources you will need to pay for to complete the project. This estimate is to give us an idea of the scope of your project and your understanding of what it might entail. Please provide the cost in GBP (£). Where a cost is not applicable please put ‘0’. Note that The Whickers must be the majority funder for the winning project, so the total project budget should not exceed £10,000 (ie. double the top award amount of £5,000).

1. Research expenses:
2. Studio hire (including sound engineer):
3. Audio equipment hire or purchase:
4. Travel:
5. Staff hire/consultancy fees:
6. External hard drives:
7. Music composition:
8. License fees, archive, music reporting:
9. Contributor fees or expenses:
10. Legal or other consultation fees:
11. Contingency:
12. Other:
13. Estimated total:
14. Do you have any other funding in place for your project? If so, please provide details of the funding bodies, the amount and any criteria for delivery:
15. If you are successful in your application, will you be seeking additional funding from other sources?
16. The purpose of this award is to bring a documentary to completion that otherwise is unlikely to be made. It is not the right fund for bigger budget documentaries, nor is it a finishing fund for documentaries that are near completion. Therefore, applicants who at the time of application have other funding sources to the value of £5,000 or over are not eligible. Applicants who are shortlisted and subsequently find that they have accrued other funding in excess of £5,000 must inform The Whickers.
17. Please indicate you agree to the above terms:

If you are successful in your application, please confirm that you are happy for The Whickers to be credited on broadcast or publication:

**Section 4.3: Details of Your Executive Producer**

It is a condition of this fund that you have a named executive producer on board to help mentor and guide this project to completion. If shortlisted your EP will be approached for a reference.

1. Exec producer’s name:
2. Exec producer’s company name or previous work:
3. Exec producer’s email address:
4. Exec producer’s contact number:

**Section 5: Your Background**

1. Have you made a documentary programme or audio feature before?

* If so, please give details below. In your answer, please provide:
  + the year of completion
  + name of the documentary
  + your role
  + length in minutes
  + if/where it was published or broadcast
  + a one sentence synopsis

1. You may include multiple programmes/films but there is no need to include all of them! Write your answer below:
2. How did you learn your documentary making skills in 50 words?
3. What drives you to make this particular documentary in 50 words?
4. How will this funding benefit your project in 50 words?
5. Why would an audience really love to hear your documentary in 50 words?

Your availability: If you are chosen as one of our five finalists, you will be invited to join us for a virtual development workshop on Saturday 7th January 2023. Please confirm that will be available on that date:

1. The Whickers is financially regulated under Jersey law that, as an offshore entity, has very strict rules about the transfer of funds. To comply with these rules we will need to supply your tax code, account details and copy of your passport before we can transfer any money to your account. Please confirm that you are happy to supply these details if you are shortlisted:
2. Please confirm that you abide by the terms and conditions of The Whickers Radio and Audio Funding Award (these can be found on our website):
3. Where did you hear about The Whickers?
4. **Section 6: Equal Opportunities Monitoring**

Can you tell us a little more about who you are and where you come from. This is optional but helpful; The Whickers strive to be as diverse as possible, and we only use this data within our organisation to check that we are reaching the widest possible demographic in terms of age, gender and origin. It will not be shared with any third-party organisations.

Please select your age bracket:

* + Under 18
  + 18-24
  + 25-34
  + 35-44
  + 45-54
  + 55-64
  + 65+
  + Prefer not to say

Please select your gender:

* + Male
  + Female
  + Transgender Male
  + Transgender Female
  + Gender variant/non-conforming
  + Prefer not to say

Please select your ethnic background:

* + African
  + Arab
  + Bangladeshi
  + Caribbean
  + Chinese
  + Indian
  + Pakistani
  + White English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
  + White Irish
  + White Gypsy or Irish Traveler
  + White and Asian
  + White and Black African
  + White and Black Caribbean
  + Any other Asian background (please describe)
  + Any other Black/African/Caribbean background (please describe)
  + Another other ethnic background (please describe)
  + Any other White background (please describe below)
  + Prefer not to say

**This is the end of the application form. Please ensure that all mandatory questions are completed,   
as forms without mandatory fields completed will not be accepted. Please send the completed form   
to apply@whickerawards.com with your project title as the email subject line and document name.   
Thank you and good luck!**