

# 7 Best Practices for Applying for Writers' Grants

*This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:  
[How to Find and Qualify for Writing Grants](#)*

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1. Be sure to read the instructions correctly. You don't want to get disqualified because you left something out by mistake.
2. Understand the mission of the funding foundation. Be sure to align your application answers with that mission.
3. Take a look at who's won the award previously. The reigning winner can give you a good idea of what the judges/foundation may be looking for.
4. Be prepared to pay an application processing fee. Not all grants ask for a processing fee, and if money is a little tight, skip the ones that ask. However, remember that because these grant opportunities ask for payment upfront, fewer people will complete, which can improve your chances of winning.
5. Understand how many grants will be awarded. It's always good to go for funders who offer multiple grants, instead of one.
6. Submit way before the deadline if possible. Even though there's a deadline, you are permitted to submit before that time arrives. This ensures that you get your submission in on time.
7. Apply for multiple grants. Make it part of your monthly routine to submit grant applications. You may not win them all, but the odds are in your favor the more times you apply.