



FOCUS ON THE STORY GRANT SUBMISSION

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY

This grant is available to any person 18 years and older who lives in the United States, including its territories. Applicants must be 18 at the time their applications are submitted.

Applicants must apply as individuals. Business entities, collectives or organizations are not eligible.

SELECTION PROCESS

The **FOCUS ON THE STORY** Grant is awarded for the purpose of helping a visual storyteller begin and complete a community-driven project that tells a compelling and impactful visual story.

The Focus on the Story Board of Directors will select the grant winner based on three criteria 1) the strength of the grant application 2) the quality of the submitted portfolio images and 3) the likelihood that the grant applicant can complete the project in time for next year's festival.

This open call for proposals begins on May 3, 2021 and closes at 5 p.m. (ET), June 18, 2021.

Focus on the Story expects to announce the grant winner during the month of June 2021.

THE AWARD

The winner of the Focus on the Story Grant will receive:

- \$2,000 USD paid in two equal installments of \$1,000 each;
- A Fujifilm X-T4 Body with XF18-55mm/F2.8-4 kit lens;
- Monthly feedback, critiques and storytelling guidance from the Focus on the Story Board of Directors;
- An exhibit at the Focus on the Story International Photo Festival 2022;
- Publication in the Focus on the Story International Photo Festival catalog and, potentially, in an annual "best of book."

CONDITIONS OF FUNDING

The grant winner will:

- Receive 50 percent of the cash award and the Fujifilm gear within 30 days of the selection announcement.
- Receive the remaining 50 percent of the cash award upon submission of the completed project to Focus on the Story.
- Use the Fujifilm X-T4 as the primary camera for the project.
- Provide Focus on the Story monthly project updates in the form of images taken with the Fujifilm X-T4 to be shared on Focus on the Story's and Fujifilm's websites and social media platforms.

RIGHTS AND USAGE OF THE WORK

The grant recipient agrees that Focus on the Story and Fujifilm may publish their submitted images on their websites and social media networks, and they grant Focus on the Story the right to use their submitted image(s) in promotional materials related to the Focus on the Story Grant and festival. All images used in this way will, whenever possible, be duly credited to you.

If you are selected as the grant winner, you give Focus on the Story a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license to publish your completed project images in its festival catalog, and potentially in an annual "best of" book, which may be either a soft or hardcover book sold by Focus on the Story. You also grant Focus on the Story the right to print and exhibit your work at its annual festival.

The grant winner retains ownership of all rights to submitted images, including all copyrights.

The grant winner waives any right to bring any claim against Focus on the Story or Fujifilm on the grounds that their use of your images, as outlined above, constitutes an infringing or otherwise unauthorized use under the laws of any jurisdiction in which your photographs are published under this license.

Please direct any questions to INFO@FOCUSONTHESTORY.ORG