

Rewrite project proposal with budget narrative for foundation grants to make sure the following questions are answered: Why is there a need? Who will benefit? What do you need? Where and How? Budget narrative to support volunteers for 4 annual events in New York.

Mission

The mission of the Jahangirnagar Alumni Association of America (JAAA) is to foster a vibrant community of Jahangirnagar University alumni residing in the United States. We aim to enhance the socio-economic understanding between America and Bangladesh through continuous interaction and idea exchange. JAAA is dedicated to supporting alumni in their professional and personal development, preserving Bengali cultural heritage, and contributing to the local and global community through charitable initiatives. Our mission is to promote youth development, cultural exchange, and community service without engaging in profit-driven activities.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to create a united alumni network that strengthens ties between Bangladesh and America, creating a supportive network that promotes **educational excellence, cultural pride, and social responsibility**. We aspire to be a leading alumni organization that not only supports its members in their career and academic pursuits but also plays an active role in fostering community engagement and socio-economic development both in America and Bangladesh.

We aim to promote cultural understanding, core values, and community well-being. By empowering students and professionals, we build a legacy of support and connection for future generations.

Executive Summary

The Jahangirnagar Alumni Association of America (JAAA) is dedicated to fostering a supportive and engaged community of Jahangirnagar University alumni residing in the United States. Our **mission** is to enhance the **socio-economic understanding between America and Bangladesh through continuous interaction, support alumni in their professional and personal development, and preserve Bengali cultural heritage**. The leadership team, composed of committed and dynamic individuals, plays a crucial role in driving the organization towards achieving these goals.

Background of organization:

It has been more than 10 years since JAAA arranged national and international events, workshops, cultural shows, Bangla New Year Parade, in collaboration with its affiliates, alumni associations and community partner organizations.

We are a local nonprofit organization in need of training for members capacity building on financial health, housing affordability, small business growth, and sustainability to address these complex societal issues and help create a more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable future. **We started with 100 alumni in 2014. Now 200 in 2024. Currently JAAA is expanded when 3 more new alumni associations joined in the alumni network 2024.**

JAAA will recruit volunteers from affiliates, alumni associations and community partner organizations to raise awareness on visual pollution and reduce carbon footprint through meetings, workshops and activities by alumni driven youth led operation clean up riverside.

Research supports that children learn better when engaging in motor activities. Physical engagement also improves mental health. We care about the future generation. We arrange events with a mission to give members a device free family time.

Activities:

Engage: Volunteers meet weekly to strategic planning meeting, and meet monthly in training and development workshops.

Develop: Lesson plans. Picking up recyclables from landfills. Reduce carbon footprint.

Explore: Prejudices and biases that prevent climate action. Conflict of Interests.

We can mobilize youth, the 2nd generation, alumni to take climate action, where children, grandparents, and young adults walk along the riverside and pick up any recyclables from landfills in an educational campaign to raise awareness on the learning gap about climate change, global warming, 3R, etc. We will observe what prejudices become and keep the data to share monthly workshops.

Volunteer:

We will need a photographer, video maker, social media manager, web admin, public relation person to outreach, interviewer, graphic designer etc. We will print pamphlets, magazines, and newsletter. Currently JAAA is expanded when 3 more new alumni associations join in 2024.

The operation cost is so higher We fall short of budget to keep our operation running smoothly. Climate mess is a disaster we made with our own hand by pollution. Likewise children deserve free public education, they all deserve learning gap filler activities. There is a learning gap in all ages. We all alumnus are not equal, but all have equal rights to participate in civic policy implementation. There is a learning gap under all spectrums. We need to acknowledge that we have a learning gap. Then break the prejudice. Unlearn biases. Take climate action.

Alumni Association Team Description

JAAA has been organizing national and international events, including workshops, cultural shows, and the Bangla New Year Parade, in collaboration with its affiliate alum associations and community partner organizations for over ten years. We arrange International Mother Language Day, Bangla New Year Parade and concert, Annual Picnic, Winter Festival, and Awareness campaign on social causes. These events aim to mobilize youth, the second generation of alumni, to take climate action. Children, grandparents, and young adults from alumni families around the USA and Canada come together to engage in device free environment activities in 4 of those events. Organization run by membership fee. All office bearers contribute \$100 each to

the Association's fund for their two-year term, ensuring a sustainable financial foundation for the organization's activities.

JAAA expanded in 2024 with three new album associations, leading to increased operational costs. We started with 100 albums and now have almost 200 members, but we need to increase our budget to keep our operations running smoothly. Our awareness campaigns will continue throughout the year with four offline events and social media engagement.

The leadership team of JAAA is committed to fostering a sense of cultural pride, mental well-being, and community engagement among its members, making significant strides in enriching the lives of Bangladeshi youth and preserving their heritage in America.

Our alumni association team comprises dedicated individuals committed to driving positive change. Shamimara Begum, President, oversees strategic planning and ensures alignment with our mission. Mohammad Nasirullah, Vice President, coordinates events and community outreach. Shamit Mandal, Treasurer, manages finances and budgeting, ensuring transparency and efficiency. Tamanna Shabnam, Secretary, handles communications, meeting minutes, and documentation.

Zakia Mahbub Nabila, Head of Volunteer Coordination, recruits and trains volunteers for our initiatives. Syed Tayeb, Event Planner, organizes workshops, cultural shows, and the annual picnic. Mifat Nayar, Public Relations Manager, oversees media relations and social media engagement. Durre Maknun Noboni, Environmental Specialist, leads our climate action projects and educational campaigns.

Our team is supported by a network of passionate volunteers and community partners, working collaboratively to achieve our goals of environmental sustainability, community engagement, and youth development. Together, we strive to create a lasting impact and foster a sense of unity and purpose within our alumni network.

We need paid volunteer support for capacity building as photographers, videographers, social media managers, web administrators, public relations personnel, interviewers, graphic designers, and more. We plan to print pamphlets, magazines, and newsletters for 4 major events annually.

Research shows that children learn better when engaged in motor activities, improving mental health. We care about future generations and strive to provide device-free family time through our events. JAAA will recruit volunteers from affiliate alum associations and community partner organizations to raise awareness about visual pollution and reduce our carbon footprint.

Team Description

President

Role: Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Duties: As the CEO, the President presides over meetings, appoints committees as necessary, and can call emergency meetings when needed. The President ensures the smooth functioning of the organization and leads strategic initiatives.

Vice-President

Role: Assistant to the President

Duties: Assists the President in routine activities and acts as President in their absence. Vice-Presidents supervise the Organizing Secretary, Associate Organizing Secretary, Treasurer, Associate Treasurer, and the Cultural, Sports and Social Welfare Secretary and their associates.

General Secretary

Role: Administrative Head

Duties: Assists the President, notifies members of meetings, manages administrative matters, and keeps minutes of meetings. The General Secretary also assumes the Treasurer's duties in their absence.

Associate General Secretary

Role: Assistant to the General Secretary

Duties: Assists in routine activities and acts as General Secretary in their absence.

Organizing Secretary

Role: Public Relations Officer

Duties: Assists secretaries in their duties and works as the public relations officer, ensuring effective communication and organization of events.

Associate Organizing Secretary

Role: Assistant to the Organizing Secretary

Duties: Assists and assumes all duties of the Organizing Secretary in their absence.

Treasurer

Role: Financial Trustee

Duties: Manages all funds, overseas bank transactions, keeps accurate accounts, and prepares income and expenditure statements for executive committee meetings and the annual general meeting.

Associate Treasurer

Role: Assistant to the Treasurer

Duties: Assists and assumes all duties of the Treasurer in their absence.

Cultural, Sports & Social Welfare Secretary

Role: Cultural Coordinator

Duties: Arranges cultural ceremonies and events to uphold Bangladeshi traditions, oversees the publication of annual magazines, and manages other publications on national issues.

Associate Cultural, Sports & Social Welfare Secretary

Role: Assistant to the Cultural Secretary

Duties: Assists and assumes all duties of the Cultural, Sports & Social Welfare Secretary in their absence.

Executive Committee Members

Role: Support Staff

Duties: Perform duties assigned by the President, assist in routine operations, and contribute to the execution of organizational activities.

Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee comprises retired Presidents who serve as guardians of the Association. They have the authority to select key officers if needed and act as the last resort for funding.

While we alums may not be equal, we all have the right to participate in civic policy implementation. Acknowledging and addressing these learning gaps is crucial. We must break prejudices, unlearn biases, and take climate action.

Through our initiative, we aim to address the pressing issue of climate change and foster a cleaner, healthier environment for future generations. The summer temperatures we experienced 20 years ago now occur in August. This shift in seasonal patterns signifies climate change, with summer extending into fall and winters without snow. There is a disruption in the natural cycle of seasons. Who can we turn to for solutions?

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Project Ideas: Youth take Green Action to protect environment

Project Description: "Clean Up Riverside" Climate Action Initiative

Reflecting on our past, we recognize that many summer activities are now limited due to climate change. Research indicates that pollution is the primary cause of global warming, leading to rising temperatures worldwide. This temperature increase is accelerating the melting of the North Pole ice, potentially causing catastrophic floods reminiscent of ancient history.

Activities:

- Engage: Volunteers meet weekly to clean up the riverside and monthly for training and development workshops.

- Develop: Create lesson plans, pick up recyclables from landfills, and reduce our carbon footprint.
- Explore: Identify prejudices and biases that hinder climate action and address conflicts of interest.

Research shows that children learn better when engaged in motor activities, improving mental health. We care about future generations and strive to provide device-free family time through our events. JAAA will recruit volunteers from affiliate alum associations and community partner organizations to raise awareness about visual pollution and reduce our carbon footprint. The campaign is driven by alumni and led by youth under the "Operation Clean Up Riverside" initiative.

will walk along the riverside, picking up recyclables from landfills. This educational campaign will raise awareness about climate change, global warming, and the importance of the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle). We will also observe and document any prejudices that act as barriers, sharing this data in our monthly workshops.

Climate change is a disaster we have created through pollution. Just as children deserve free public education, they also deserve activities that fill learning gaps. Learning gaps exist at all ages and across all spectrums. While we alums may not be equal, we all have the right to participate in civic policy implementation. Acknowledging and addressing these learning gaps is crucial. We must break prejudices, unlearn biases, and take climate action.

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Budget Narrative

Our projected budget for the "Clean Up Riverside" Climate Action Initiative is \$40,000. Below is a detailed breakdown of the estimated costs, regrouped by category:

1. Grants Paid to Domestic and Foreign Individuals, Governments, and Organizations (\$5,000):
 - Recruitment of volunteers: \$5,000
2. Benefits to Members (\$5,000):
 - Refreshments and meals for participants: \$3,000
 - Educational materials (lesson plans, pamphlets, magazines): \$2,000
3. Salaries, Other Compensation, and Employee Benefits (\$10,000):
 - Training and development workshops: \$5,000
 - Event coordination and management: \$5,000
4. Fees for Services and Professional Fees Paid to Contractors (\$6,000):
 - Photographer and videographer fees: \$2,000
 - Social media management and web administration: \$2,000
 - Public relations and outreach activities: \$1,000
 - Equipment rental (audio-visual, tents): \$1,000
5. Occupancy, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance (\$3,000):
 - Venue rental for annual picnic: \$3,000
6. Printing, Posting, and Shipping (Web, Social) (\$3,000):
 - Marketing materials (banners, posters): \$3,000
7. All Other Expenses (\$8,000):
 - Cleaning supplies (gloves, bags, tools): \$2,000
 - Transportation for volunteers: \$2,000
 - Contingency fund for unexpected expenses: \$2,000
 - Miscellaneous event costs: \$2,000

This budget will enable us to execute a comprehensive and effective climate action initiative, mobilizing our community and raising awareness about the critical issue of climate change.

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By addressing the pressing issue of climate change through our initiative, we aim to foster a cleaner, healthier environment for future generations.

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We must raise funds to support IT personnel in maintaining our website. We also engage the community in upholding kindness and mental health and contributing to the Giving Tuesday campaign.

Please describe the purposes of the solicitation. Please specify how the solicitation will support the organization's activities.

- To strengthen the bonds among alumni living in the USA.
- To organize events and create platforms to connect
- To facilitate mentor-mentee relationships professionally and socially.
- Communication: newsletters, social media, and websites

Project Description: "Clean up river side" Climate Action Initiative

Looking back we realize many summer activities are limited because global warming changes climate. Research supports that the reason of climate change is pollution which is the main cause of rising temperature all over the world. The rising temperature will result in the North pole ice melting faster than expected. There could be a flood like one of the in ancient history of mankind.

The kind of temperature we used to get in summer 20 years ago, it is now available in August. Every 20 years season changing means changing climate. Now summer moves to fall, and no snow in winter. There must have a bridge broken in the cycle of seasons. Who we will turn to fix?

**We will share the documentary on Alumni network in Climate Action Awareness film
Project Description: Climate Change Action**

Jaaa will combat climate change through an alumni-driven initiative to grow two gardens and compare soil test results. There are more greenhouse gasses like carbon in the air than needed, which causes extreme heat in the summer and no snow in the winter. Research indicates that land used for regenerative gardening, like the crop rotation method, benefits the soil by capturing more carbon from the air and putting it back into the soil than land used to grow the same crop year after year.

We are partnered with two agricultural university alumni associations, Bangladesh Agricultural University, and Mymensingh Agricultural University, to collect and analyze data from two harvest seasons.

The project aims to present data to readers to help them decide which gardening, regenerative or traditional, is more beneficial in reducing their carbon footprint. It has been a myth that if North Pole ice melts quickly because of global warming, and rapid temperature uprising conditions, we will see a massive flood like the people of Noa.

Overview

The Jahangirnagar Alumni Association of America, NY seeks funding to support the production and promotion of "Green Beyond Campus," a film by a National Film Award-winning Jahangirnagar University alumnus. This film, to be showcased in four events in New York City over the next 12 months, will focus on fostering debate on climate change among youth. It will feature discussions and activities that engage partner university alumni associations to monitor and document behavior changes related to climate action. Our project aims to raise awareness and promote environmental responsibility through research, workshops, and expert presentations, aligning with our vision to enhance community well-being through education and action.

Objectives

1. Produce and Showcase the Film:

- Fund the production of "Green Beyond Campus," a film focused on climate action and youth engagement.
- Organize four film screening events in New York City to reach a broad audience.

2. Volunteer Engagement and Research:

- Recruit and train volunteers to research and observe pollution at various New York festivals.
- Volunteers will gather data on pollution levels and the effectiveness of current waste management practices.

3. Workshops and Speaker Series:

- Arrange workshops to discuss the findings of the pollution research.

- Invite experts and speakers to present innovative climate action ideas.

4. Engage Partner University Alumni Associations:

- Collaborate with alumni associations from partner universities to monitor youth behavior and attitudes toward climate change.
- Document these behaviors and changes in the film.

5. Marketing and Outreach:

- Develop an environmentally friendly marketing plan for social media and websites to promote the film and events.
- Track engagement through social media metrics such as shares and likes to measure impact.

6. Comprehensive Reporting:

- Create surveys and reports to analyze the film's impact on audience awareness and behavior.
- Assess the overall effectiveness of the project in promoting climate action.

Activities and Timeline

Month 1-2:

- Pre-production Planning:
 - Finalize the film script and production schedule.
 - Recruit volunteers for the research and event organization.
 - Establish partnerships with university alumni associations.

Month 3-4:

- Volunteer Training and Research:
 - Train volunteers on data collection methods for pollution observation.
 - Begin researching and observing pollution at various New York festivals.

Month 5-6:

- Film Production:
 - Begin filming "Green Beyond Campus," including youth debates on climate change.
 - Continue volunteer research and data collection at festivals.

Month 7-8:

- Post-production and Analysis:
 - Edit the film and prepare it for screening.
 - Analyze collected data and prepare initial findings.

Month 9:

- Marketing and Outreach Preparation:
 - Develop and launch an environmentally friendly marketing campaign.

- Schedule the four film screening events.

Month 10:

- First Film Screening and Workshop:
 - Host the first screening event and workshop discussing research findings and climate action ideas.
 - Collect feedback from attendees.

Month 11:

- Second and Third Film Screenings and Workshops:
 - Host the second and third screening events and workshops.
 - Continue to collect and analyze attendee feedback and engagement data.

Month 12:

- Final Film Screening and Reporting:
 - Host the final screening event and workshop.
 - Compile and analyze all screenings, research, and workshops data.
 - Publish a comprehensive report on the project's impact and findings.

Budget Narrative

The budget for this project is \$40,000, distributed across the following key areas:

1. Production Costs (\$15,000):

- Rehearsal Space Rental: \$3,000
- Costumes and Props: \$2,000
- Food and Refreshments: \$2,000
- Travel Expenses: \$3,000
- Film Equipment Rental and Miscellaneous Production Costs: \$5,000

2. Event Costs (\$10,000):

- Venue Rental for Screenings: \$6,000 (four events at \$1,500 each)
- Event Marketing and Promotion: \$2,000
- Speaker Fees and Workshop Materials: \$2,000

3. Volunteer Costs (\$5,000):

- Recruitment and Training: \$2,000
- Volunteer Stipends and Expenses: \$3,000

4. Marketing and Outreach (\$5,000):

- Social Media Campaigns: \$2,500
- Website Development and Maintenance: \$1,500
- Eco-friendly Promotional Materials: \$1,000

5. Research and Reporting Costs (\$5,000):
- Surveys and Data Analysis Tools: \$2,000
 - Report Creation and Distribution: \$3,000

6. Indirect Costs (\$5,000):
- Administrative Overhead: \$3,000
 - Contingency Fund: \$2,000

Impact Measurement

- Social Media Metrics: Track the number of shares and likes on social media to gauge the reach and engagement of our marketing efforts.
- Survey Feedback: Collect audience feedback through surveys to measure changes in awareness and behavior regarding climate action.
- Pollution Data Analysis: Analyze the data gathered by volunteers to evaluate the effectiveness of current waste management practices and identify areas for improvement.

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Conclusion

By supporting the "Green Beyond Campus" film production and climate action initiative, we aim to enhance community well-being through education, engagement, and action. This project showcases the creative talents of a National Film Award-winning alumnus and fosters a collaborative effort towards a sustainable future. We seek your support to bring this vision to life and make a lasting impact on our community.

Feel free to adjust any details to better fit your organization's specific needs and goals.

Event: "Echoes of Bengal Poush Utsob: A Journey Through Bengali Poetry, Song, and Debate"

Date and Time:

- Date: [Insert Date]
- Time: 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Venue:

- [Insert Venue Name]
- Address: [Insert Venue Address]

Purpose:

To celebrate the rich heritage of Bengali poetry and music, from classical poets to contemporary voices, and to foster a deeper connection with Bengali culture. Additionally, to engage the youth in meaningful debates on cultural and contemporary issues.

Audience:

- Alumni of Jahangirnagar University
- Bangladeshi-American community
- Poetry and music enthusiasts
- Children and youth learning about Bengali culture

Program Outline:

1. Welcome and Introduction [Shamim, Papri]

- 5:00 PM - 5:10 PM
- Host: [Name]
- Welcome speech by [Host Name] introducing the theme and purpose of the event.

2. Classical Poets Recitation [Panna, Farhana]

- 5:10 PM - 5:40 PM
- Featured Poets: Rabindranath Tagore, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Jibanananda Das
- Participants: [List of Reciters]
- Each reciter presents a selected poem and briefly notes its significance.

3. Classical Songs Performance [Shyamoli]

- 5:40 PM - 6:00 PM
- Performers: [Names of Singers and Musicians]
- Songs by Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam.
- Accompaniment: Harmonium, Tabla, and other instruments.

4. Intermission and Refreshments [Polin, Ruhul, Fahad]

- 6:00 PM - 6:20 PM
- Light refreshments and traditional Bengali snacks.

5. Poets from the 20th Century [Noboni]

- 6:20 PM - 6:50 PM
- Featured Poets: Shamsur Rahman, Al Mahmud, Jasimuddin
- Participants: [List of Reciters]
- Recitations with brief introductions to each poet's life and works.

6. Modern Bengali Songs [Nasir]

- 6:50 PM - 7:10 PM
- Performers: [Names of Singers and Musicians]
- Songs by contemporary composers.
- Instruments: Guitar, Keyboard, and Tabla.

7. Youth Debate on Climate Change

- 7:10 PM - 7:40 PM
- Participants: 6-8 youth debaters
- Topics: Cultural preservation and contemporary issues affecting the Bangladeshi community.
- Format: Two teams debating for and against a motion, with judges and audience feedback.

8. Contemporary Poets Recitation on Climate Change [Noboni]

- 7:40 PM - 8:10 PM
- Featured Poets: Humayun Azad, Taslima Nasrin, Joy Goswami
- Participants: [Reciters]
- Recitations highlighting the themes and styles of modern Bengali poetry.

9. Closing Performance and Vote of Thanks ref Khola Chiti.

- 8:10 PM - 8:30 PM
- Group performance of a popular Bengali song.
- Vote of thanks by [Organizer's Name].

Additional Elements:

- Exhibition: Display books, photos, and artwork related to Bengali poets and their works.
- Interactive Session: Q&A with the reciters, performers, and debaters.
- Book Stall: Selling books of poems and music CDs.

Promotion: [Noboni, Nabila, Mefat]

- Flyers and posters distributed in local Bangladeshi communities.
- Social media event pages and invitations.
- Email invites to alumni and cultural organizations.

Venue Rental: \$3,000

- Venue:
 - High-quality venue in Queens with a capacity of 200-300 attendees.
- Breakdown:
 - Rental fee: \$2,500
 - Security deposit: \$500

Refreshments: \$1,000

- Catering:
 - Traditional Bengali snacks and beverages for 200 attendees.
- Breakdown:
 - Snacks (samosas, pithas, shingaras): \$600
 - Beverages (tea, coffee, soft drinks): \$200
 - Serving staff: \$200

Performer Fees: \$1,500

- Poets and Reciters:
 - Honorarium for featured poets and reciters (6-8 individuals).
- Breakdown:
 - Honorarium: \$1,000
 - Travel expenses: \$500

Musicians and Equipment: \$1,200

- Performers:
 - Fees for singers and musicians (4-6 individuals).
- Breakdown:
 - Musician fees: \$800
 - Instrument rental (harmonium, tabla, esraj, guitar, keyboard, flute): \$400

Promotional Materials: \$800

- Marketing:
 - Printing and distribution of flyers and posters.
 - Social media promotions and email invitations.
- Breakdown:
 - Printing (500 flyers, 50 posters): \$300
 - Social media ads: \$300
 - Email marketing service: \$200

Website Administration Costs: \$1,000

- Website Management:
 - Creating and maintaining an event webpage.
 - Online ticketing and event updates.
- Breakdown:
 - Web design and development: \$600
 - Hosting and domain fees: \$200
 - Maintenance and updates: \$200

Performers and Volunteers' Costumes: \$1,200

- Costume Rental/Purchase:
 - T shirt or Traditional Bengali attire for 20 performers.
- Breakdown:
 - Costume rental/purchase: \$1,000
 - Accessories and makeup: \$200

Other Direct Costs: \$800

- Direct Expenses:
 - Transport for performers and equipment.
 - Set design and decorations.
- Breakdown:
 - Transport: \$400
 - Set design and decorations: \$400

Indirect: \$500

- Expenses:
 - Unexpected costs and additional small expenses.
- Breakdown:
 - Contingency fund: \$500

Budget at a glance:

- Venue rental: \$3,000
- Refreshments: \$1,000
- Performer fees: \$1,500
- Musicians and equipment: \$1,200
- Promotional materials: \$800
- Exhibition and bookstall: \$500
- Website administration costs: \$1,000
- Performers' costumes: \$1,200
- Other direct costs: \$800
- Youth debate logistics: \$500
- Miscellaneous: \$500

Total Estimated Cost: \$12,000

[Submitted by Shamim June 09, 2024

Event rent 1500

Food 2500

Sound 1000

Musician 500

Appreciation award 400

Decoration 300

Kids activities 300]

Additional

Indirect cost - 35 families \$50 gift card each = \$2000

Funding and Sponsorship sources:

- Potential Sponsors:
 - Local businesses, restaurants, cultural organizations, and alumni.
- Grant Applications:
 - Apply for cultural and arts grants available in New York City.
- Ticket Sales:
 - Charge a nominal entry fee (e.g., \$10-\$20 per ticket) to cover costs.

Contact Information:

- Event Coordinator: [Name]
- Phone: [Contact Number]
- Email: [Contact Email]

This expanded budget includes a youth debate component, which will involve young voices discussing meaningful cultural and contemporary issues, costumes, and additional direct costs, ensuring a well-rounded and culturally immersive event. It also celebrates Bengali poetry and music.