

What is an Interfilk mini-grant?

Interfilk is an organization serving the [filk music](#) community by sending fans to remote events. The mini-grant was established in 2024 as an initiative to allow people age 35 and under to attend events.

As of 2026, mini-grants will also start to support filkers of all ages. See below for details.

Age restriction lifted! So mini-grants are changing?

Sort of! We're still focused on bringing people 35 and under to conventions. Which means that for the first year of the new program, 8 of the grants will still go to folks 35 and under, and 4 more grants will go to filkers of any age.

Wait, what was that about filkers of any age?

If you haven't been able to get back to a con you love because of finances, well then, this grant is for you!

What does the grant consist of?

North Americans filkers may apply for one yearly grant of up to \$500 to attend one North American convention or event, with a focus on attending filk or music track events.

What ages are eligible?

- Min age: 18 at time of application.
- Ages 13-17 considered with a parent/guardian/adult

What events qualify?

A filk convention, a convention with a filk track, a picnic or housefilk in your region where you'll need to travel to attend. If you feel that another type of

event is relevant to filk or fannish music, please explain the relevance in your pitch.

What does the grant cover?

Lodging, travel costs, and the entry fee for the con or event. The grant is \$500 USD.

Is this a grant up front or a reimbursement?

We would prefer to reimburse the money, but if you cannot put up the money to go to the event, we can grant the money ahead of time. You are still responsible for reporting your costs to the grant committee, in the event of an up-front grant.

How do I calculate my costs for the event?

Research your target event. Find out the up-front costs for registration, hotel rates (including taxes and fees), and check the con's website to see if there's a room block with discounted overnight stays, and for which nights. Research travel costs and understand that *the grant will only cover \$500 of your expenses* back and forth.

What doesn't the grant cover?

Only lodging, travel and con fees are covered by the grant. All other expenses are at the discretion of the attendee. This includes foodstuffs, medicine, emergency care, etc.

How do I budget to make this work?

Sharing a room is a valid way to cut down on costs and many conventions have a Facebook presence or other social media accounts where you can arrange to share a room to cut costs. Carpooling options also exist for more local events.

If I win the grant, what are my responsibilities?

You must submit your expenses to the granting committee within 10 business days after the end of your event, with receipts showing your costs, including taxes and fees, including registration for the event, hotel, and travel. You must also submit a paragraph or more about your experience at the event, and a photograph of you, in attendance at the event (with a favorite filker, in front of the stage, in a filk circle, etc.) and a photo of your badge, if applicable.

What happens if I can't make it to my grant event?

If illness or other circumstances intervene and you cannot attend your event, we will decide on a case-by-case basis how to handle any existing outlay of money by contacting you directly.

How often can I apply for the grant?

Yearly! For example, if you apply right after OVFF, you'll be eligible to apply again right after the following OVFF. If you lose track of when you applied, email us at mini-grants@interfilk.org and we can let you know when your grant year expires.

When are the grants announced?

In general, grants will be announced quarterly. Several applicants will be awarded a grant in each of the four quarters. This allows us to gather all the quarterly requests and review them. This will continue in 2026, but the grant dates will change (see below).

If I'm not picked in the quarter when I applied, do I have to resubmit?

No, submissions are kept for the whole year and are eligible for all four quarters. If you are not chosen, you may submit again one year from your original submission. You will receive an email letting you know when your year is up and when your new eligibility period starts.

Will there be more than twelve grants per year in the future?

We have expanded the program to twelve grants for 2026, as the two pilot years of the program were wildly successful! It's possible the program will expand further if there is sufficient demand.

Can I still be an Interfilk guest?

Being selected for an Interfilk mini-grant does not disqualify you from being chosen as an [Interfilk guest](#) later. The mini-grant is not an Interfilk guest-ship.

Help, this is too complicated, can someone give me a hand with my application?

Sure! Drop us a line at mini-grants@interfilk.org and we can help you figure out how to make this work.