



Application for the Human Rights Foundation's Belarus Solidarity Fund Journalist Relief Program

The Human Rights Foundation (HRF)'s Belarus Solidarity Fund is starting a relief program for Belarusian journalists in exile. The program is open to professional journalists, bloggers, and vloggers who have recently been forced to leave Belarus as a result of repression from the Lukashenko regime, and are experiencing financial hardship.

The program will provide relief payments of \$1,500 USD to selected applicants.

As with other relief programs, our funds and staff resources are limited. For that reason, if your situation is not urgent, we urge you not to apply.

HRF's Belarus Solidarity Fund Journalist Relief Program will make awards for the following needs:

- Living assistance to prevent homelessness and food insecurity
- Acute medical care and mental health services
- Legal services associated with immigration or work in a foreign country
- Language classes
- Child or dependent care

To be eligible for this program, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Be a staff or freelance professional reporter, blogger, or vlogger, working in any medium, whose primary occupation is journalism (priority will be given to freelancers and journalists recently forced into exile); OR
- Has worked full-time as a staff or freelance journalist within six months of applying for assistance; AND
- Is experiencing financial hardship directly as a result of the Lukashenko regime's repression.

Please answer all questions on this application. All requests will undergo a verification process. Requests that do not meet the criteria above will not be considered. We will only respond to your application if you are selected to receive a relief payment. Please send completed application materials to belarus@hrf.org



Please answer the following questions:

1. Please affirm that you all meet the criteria listed

Journalism is currently my full-time profession, or I have worked full time as a journalist within the last 6 months

I am applying for assistance directly related to the repression of the Lukashenko regime

2. Name

3. Country of Residence

4. Email Address

5. Phone Number

6. Alternate method of communication (WhatsApp, Signal, Telegram)

7. Are you currently working full time as a journalist?

8. How long have you been a journalist?

9. Please describe how long you have been a journalist and where. Please indicate the names of the media organizations, including social media channels, such as Telegram channels, where you have worked for as a staff or freelance reporter and how long you have worked for them.

Limit: 300 words

10. What medium(s) do you work in? *

11. Are you an independent or staff journalist? *

12. Name of the media outlet(s), including social media or Telegram channels you have worked for in the past 6 months: *

13. Describe how the repression of the Lukashenko regime has affected your professional life and your personal situation, and how you would benefit from this grant? Please be precise.
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14. Please provide links to two published work samples from the last twelve months.*

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Please submit all application materials by January 30, 2022. Applications submitted after this date will not be considered.