



**WGC
Screenwriting
Awards**



SONDRA KELLY AWARD 2024 – CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Sondra Kelly Award provides \$5,000 to a female-identifying screenwriter in mid-career for research and/or development on a self-initiated project.

Sondra Kelly was a longtime member of the Writers Guild of Canada. In 2007, she received the WGC Writers Block Award for her record of exceptional service to the WGC and for strengthening the Canadian screenwriting community as a whole. In addition to serving on the WGC Council from January 1997 to December 2003, Sondra occupied the first WGC-designated seat on the AFBS board (1998-2003). Hers was the first writer's voice on a board made up of actors, producers, and broadcasters at a time when a writer's voice was much needed.

This award in her memory, generously sponsored by AFBS, honours her dedication and contribution. Join us in celebrating Sondra's life and achievements through this award.

To be eligible, a candidate must:

- Self-identify as a female screenwriter in mid-career
- Have several produced writing credits
- Be a WGC member in good standing
- Has need of financial assistance in order to get their project to the next level

A jury of peers will select the recipient of the award. Please note that only the person chosen to receive the Sondra Kelly Award will be contacted. The recipient will be announced at the 28th annual WGC Screenwriting Awards presentation on May 13, 2024, and their name will be posted on the WGC website.

To apply for the Sondra Kelly Award, please submit the following:

ENCLOSED *(please check off)*

- ☐ A completed entry form
- ☐ A description or proposal of the project (maximum 5 pages), including a description of what stage of your project you intend to use the Sondra Kelly Award money towards.
- ☐ Your current resume including all produced writing credits
- ☐ Two (2) letters of reference which include descriptions of your experience as a screenwriter
- ☐ Signed declaration
- ☐ Signed release

Please be advised that during the judging of your entry, the applicant may be required to provide additional documentation if deemed necessary by the jury.

DEADLINE: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 5:00 pm EST

**Submissions accepted by EMAIL only to n.vanvoorst@wgc.ca
with "Sondra Kelly Award" in the subject line.**

SONDRA KELLY AWARD 2024 – ENTRY FORM

Applicant Information

Name: _____ WGC Membership #: _____

Company (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Project Information

Project Title: _____

Previous Title(s) (if any): _____

Key Personnel (if applicable -- producer, director, researcher, etc.):

| Function | Last Name | First Name | Residence |
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Type of project: ☐ Documentary ☐ Episodic ☐ MOW or Miniseries ☐ Feature Film ☐ Digital ☐ Animation

☐ Other (please specify): _____

If the script is based on an existing work, complete the following and please attach all contracts or agreement letters concerning chain of title.

Title of Original Work: _____

Author (full name): _____

Medium of Original Work: ☐ Book ☐ Stage Play ☐ Other (please specify): _____

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SONDRA KELLY AWARD 2024 - DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the [describe material: script, outline, bible, etc.]

presently titled

is original written material created by and wholly owned by me.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Applicant's Signature



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SONDRA KELLY AWARD 2024 - RELEASE

I, the undersigned, hereby:

1. Authorize the WGC to make public (via its website and other media), if deemed necessary by the WGC, the nature of the project receiving support, including the title of the project and the name of the recipient.
2. Accept the WGC Sondra Kelly Award guidelines and enter the above-named project for entry and hereby release the WGC, its officers, directors and representatives, from any and all claims rising in any way from the submission of material by me or on my behalf whether on film, video or otherwise, to the WGC.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____