

OPERA AND BALLET GRANT FOUNDATION

GRANTS FOR 2026 NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATION

Opera and Ballet Grant Foundation awards grants from its funds to

- creative and performing artists in the field of opera and ballet,
- other employees working for opera and ballet,
- students in the field of opera and ballet.

Grants can only be granted, according to the foundation's by-laws, for purposes which promote and develop opera and ballet artform in Finland or increase the representativeness and coziness of the Opera House.

Read more in General Guidelines for grants applicants.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Fill in the application form at <http://oopperabaletti.fi/talo/hallinto/tukisaatio/> on Wednesday **December 31st, 2025 at the latest**. A free-form plan for the use of the grant and a cost estimate must be included in the application. Don't forget to submit your application (press **LÄHETÄ** [submit]).

Late or insufficiently completed applications will not be taken into consideration.

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SCHEDULE

Application 11–12/2025

Applications for grants must be submitted on December 31st 2024 at the latest.

Opinions requests 1/2026

The Grant Foundation shall request opinions for grant decisions from the relevant line directors of the Finnish National Opera and Ballet and the scholarship commission of the National Opera Orchestra.

Decision 2/2026

The Grant Foundation Board will decide on the awards in its February 2025 meeting.

Informing 2–3/2026

Ulla Paavola as the Grant Foundation representative will inform each applicant about the decision by email soonest possible after the Board decision. At the same time she will ask all successful applicants to submit their bank account numbers for the payment.

Payment 3/2026

Grants will be paid soonest possible when all bank account numbers are available.

Usage during 2026

Awarded grants must be used in the time schedule and for the purpose specified in the application. One may apply for change in the purpose or time schedule for the grant for example due to illness or injury whenever one time during the year.

Reporting by 31.12.2026

A grant recipient is obligated to submit a report on the use of grant by the end of year 2026.

Grant applications and reports will be destroyed on June 30th 2027 at the latest (i.e. 6 months after the reporting deadline).