

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: COVID-19 IN KENTUCKY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS

DESCRIPTION

The Kentucky Oral History Commission (KOHC) has received funding through a [Kentucky Humanities Council CARES Grant](#) to document the Covid-19 crisis through the diverse experiences of Kentuckians. This project will deepen humanities research on the global pandemic for decades to come while allowing us to process our shared experiences.

The KOHC is accepting proposals from oral history practitioners for up to five interviews and is especially interested the experiences of healthcare workers, grocery store and other essential workers, teachers and school administrators, small business owners, demonstrators, and more. Accepted proposals will receive a paid honorarium (\$100 per interview*). Eligible proposals include previously conducted COVID-19 related interviews (i.e. retroactive payment).

**A single oral history interview session typically runs between 45 and 120 minutes.*

ELIGIBILITY

This opportunity is open to all Kentucky residents, age 18 and older. Groups, organizations and programs may apply. The KOHC will accept one proposal of up to five interviews per applicant. Eligible applicants may come from any background, whether local historian, academic, professional, community scholar, etc. Student work is welcome! The proposal must demonstrate the applicant understands the [Principles for Oral History and Best Practices for Oral History](#).

SPECIFICATIONS

Preferably, interviews should be recorded using a digital, solid-state recorder or a computer with audio recording software and an external microphone. The preferred file format is an uncompressed (i.e. WAV) file, at 96Hz, 24-bit. The KOHC recognizes that remote interviewing may be necessary for the health and safety of the interviewee and interviewer, and will accept some compromises in recording standard for this project. Please review this webinar video to better understand the expectations and to determine the best equipment and recording platforms for remote interviewing: <https://www.baylor.edu/oralhistory/index.php?id=969450>.

APPLY

Submit a one-page proposal to oral history administrator Sarah M. Schmitt at SarahM.Schmitt@ky.gov, which includes the following: Your oral history interview experience, your reasons or goals for conducting the interview(s), a list of existing interviews or your potential interviewees, topics you explored or will explore, sample interview questions or a clip of the existing interview, and the equipment you did use or will use.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 28, 2020

Proposal submission deadline

Sept. 1, 2020

Notification of proposal selection

Sept. 15, 2020

Project agreement form due, honorarium remitted

Oct. 16, 2020

One interview due with release form due

Oct. 31, 2020

Brief progress report due

Dec. 18, 2020

All interviews and release forms due

The Kentucky Oral History Commission (KOHC), administered by Kentucky Historical Society (KHS), reaches across the state to record and preserve the diverse stories that are a part of Kentucky's rich and colorful history. Email questions to SarahM.Schmitt@ky.gov with the subject line: CARES proposal.