GRANTEE COMMUNITIES PORTAL

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Introduction

Welcome to the Grantee Communities Portal

Thank you for reviewing this information and for using the Grantee Communities Portal. As a reminder, the portal system is the best way for grantees and applicants to interact with Open Society Foundations for any existing grants or potential applications you are submitting.

If this is your first time using our portal system we encourage you to use this website to better understand how to use the Grantee Communities Portal system to update your user data, submit an amendment or grantee report for your current grant, or submit a new application.

As always, if you encounter any issues or questions feel free to reach out to us at granteefeedback@opensocietyfoundations.org.

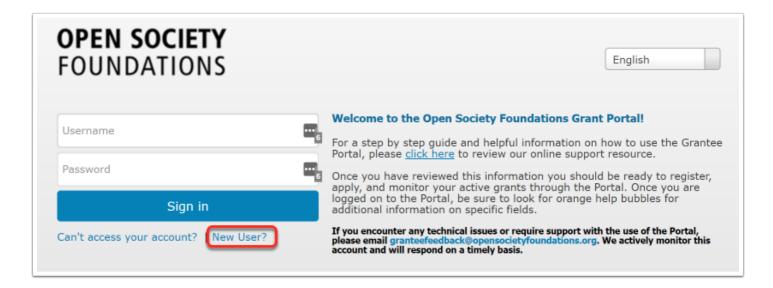
Registering and managing your account

Individuals - Registering for the first time

If you want to apply for a scholarship or a fellowship, you will have to register on the Grantee Portal with an individual account.

This article outlines the steps to register as an individual grantee.

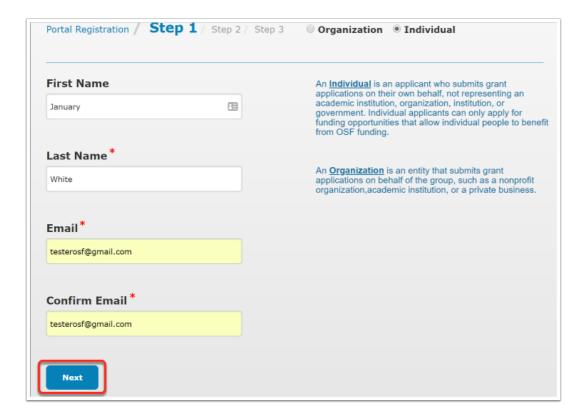
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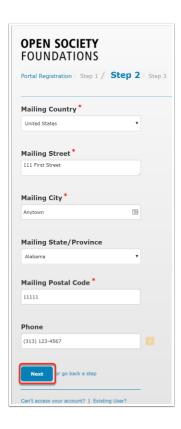
At the top of the page, be sure to choose Individual



Enter your first name, last name and a valid email address. **Click Next**

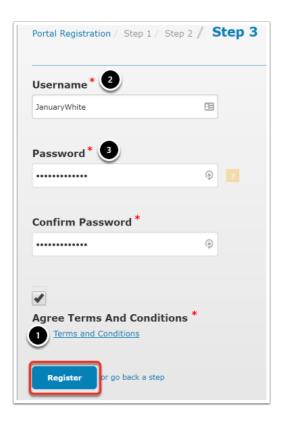


Choose your country, then enter the rest of your mailing address. Click Next.

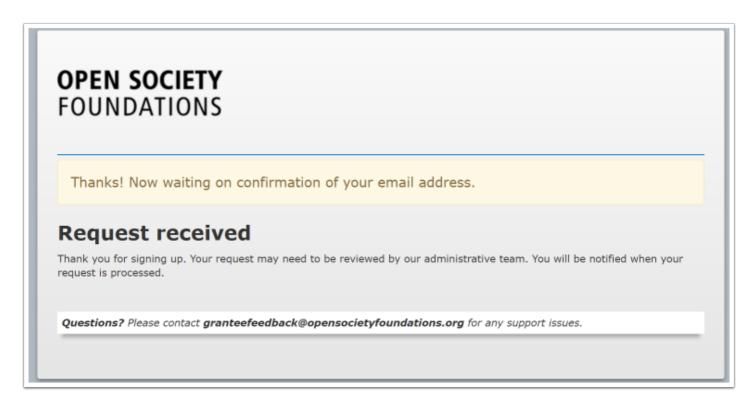


When entering your phone number DO NOT use + to indicate country code.

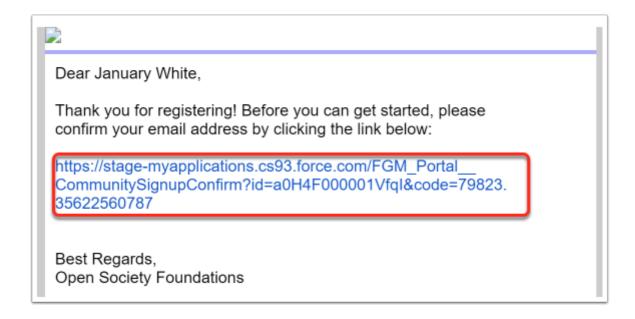
Review and agree to the terms and conditions of using the portal, then choose a username and password. Click Register.



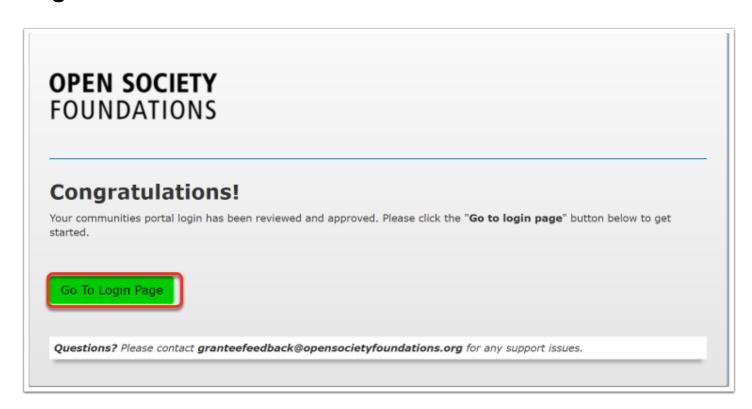
After you click register, you will receive an email confirmation.



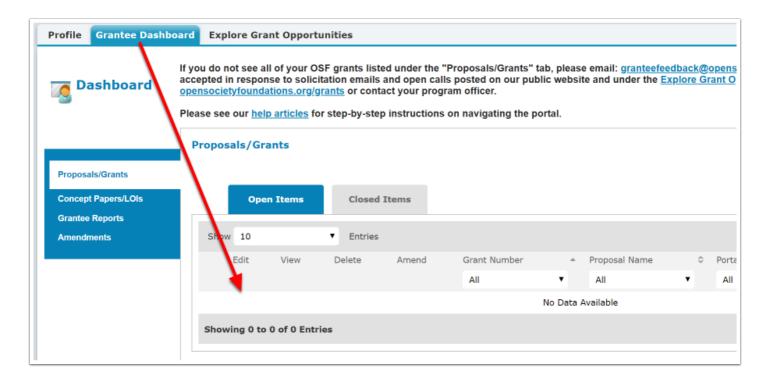
Check your email. You will receive a message to confirm your email address.



The link will re-direct you to the portal. Click Go To Login Page.



You have successfully logged in to the grantee portal. Any applications you have started will appear in the grantee dashboard.



You will receive another email that informs you that your account has been activated. Be sure to keep this message since it contains your username.



When logging in to the portal to update information, be sure to use the highlighted link to access your account.

https://myapplications.force.com/fcgrantee/FGM Portal CommunitySignin



Dear January White,

Your portal account has been activated. Please log in at:

 $https://myapplications.force.com/fcgrantee/FGM_Portal_CommunitySignin\\$

Your username is: JanuaryWhite

Please keep this username along with your password in a safe place as you will need these credentials to access your account in the future. Once you've logged in, please complete the profile associated with your account. You can access your profile by clicking the Profile link at the top of the screen. By keeping your profile accurate and up to date, you can ensure we have all the necessary information needed to contact you regarding an application or future grant.

To apply for a new grant, please log in through the application link provided to you by program staff or an open call application link in the "Explore Grant Opportunities" section of the portal. If you need access to any of your current grants and you do not see them in your Grantee Dashboard, please contact granteefeedback@ opensocietyfoundations.org.

Best Regards, Open Society Foundations



Individual Applicants and Grantees - Managing your account

When you create your portal account, some contact information is already included on your profile page.

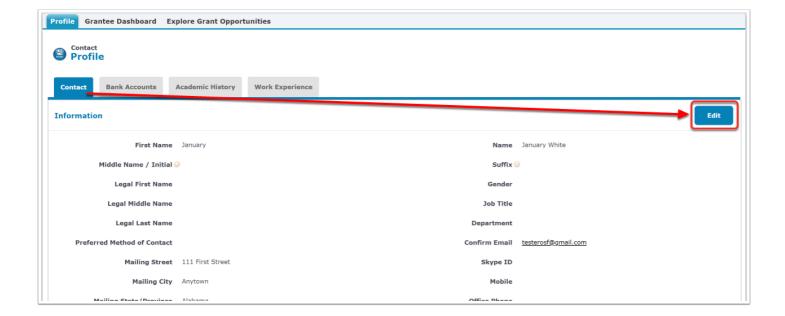
Individual grant applicants can also add additional information about themselves

- Academic History
- Work/Professional Experience

This article outlines steps to add or update your contact information.

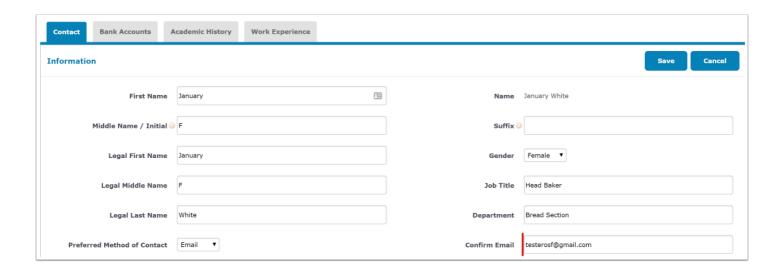
Editing and updating your contact information

Click the Profile tab. Click the Contact tab, then click Edit





Add or edit information as needed



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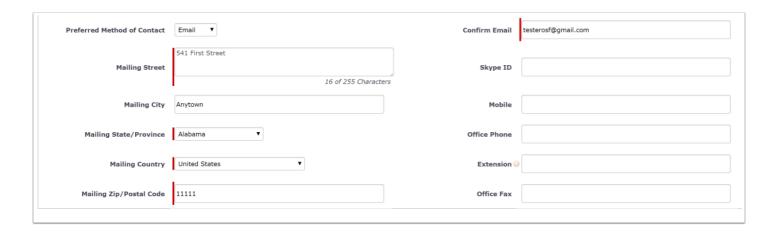
This is the name indicated on legal identification documents. If you are awarded a grant, we need this information in order to process your grant.

My last name has changed. How do I update it?

Unfortunately, you cannot update your last name in the Grantee Portal. Please reach out to your program contact or send a message to granteefeedback@opensocietyfoundations.org and request that an update to your last name.

My address has changed. How do I update it?

Enter updated address information and other contact information



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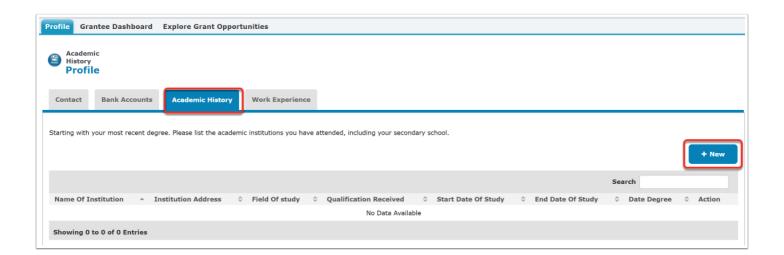


Adding and updating academic history

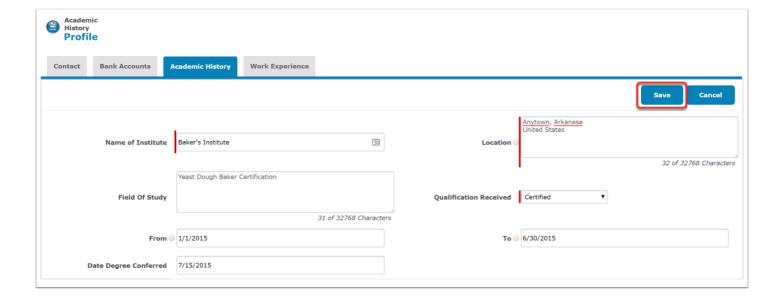
You can update your academic history from the Profile tab.

Alternatively, you may be asked for this information within an application. Any academic history information you include on an application will be copied here to your profile record.

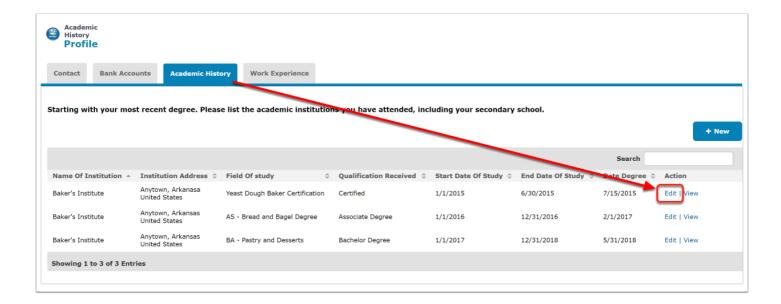
From the Profile tab, click Academic History. Click New to create a record



Add required fields. Click Save



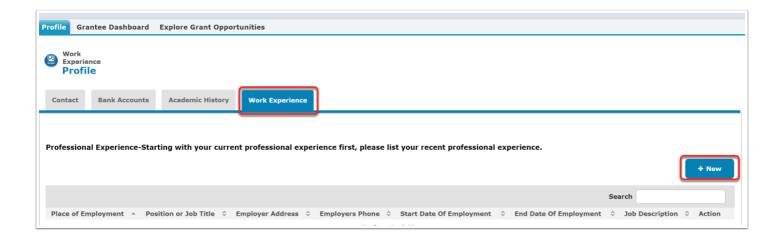
Review the academic history you entered. Click the Edit link next to the item that you wish to change



Adding Work Experience

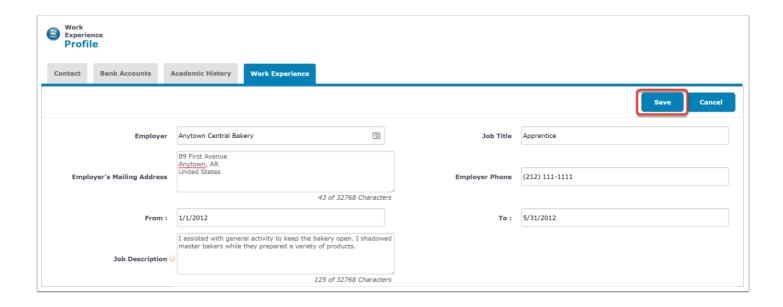
Enter your professional experience, starting with your current or most recent job.

Click the Work Experience tab. Click New

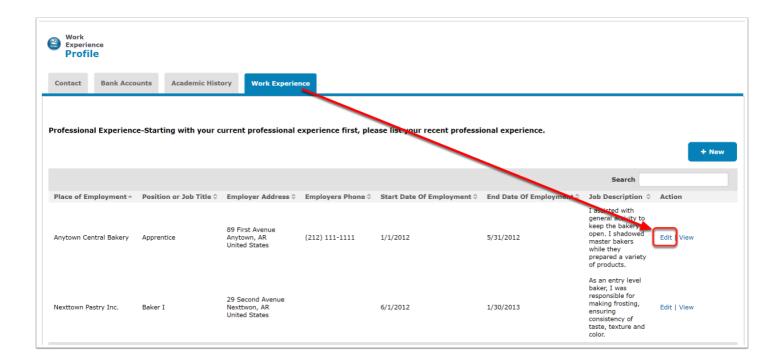


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Enter your information in the fields. Click Save



Now you can review work experiences you entered. Click the Edit link next to an item you would like to update.



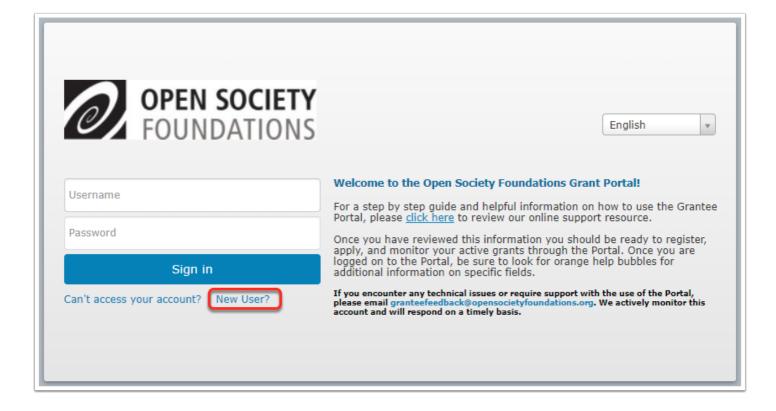


Organizations - Registering for the first time

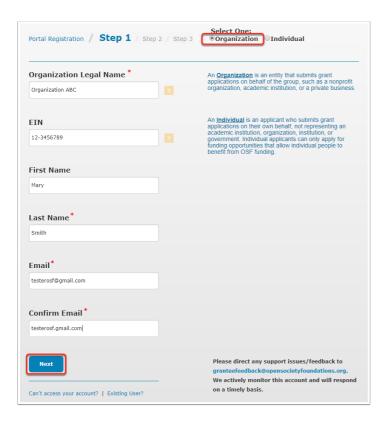
Are you applying for funding on behalf of an organization? Did you receive a link to submit a grant application from an OSF staff member?

If you haven't registered on the Open Society Foundations Grantee Portal before, follow these steps to complete information about yourself and your organization so that you can submit your funding request.

Click on the New User link on the grant portal page.

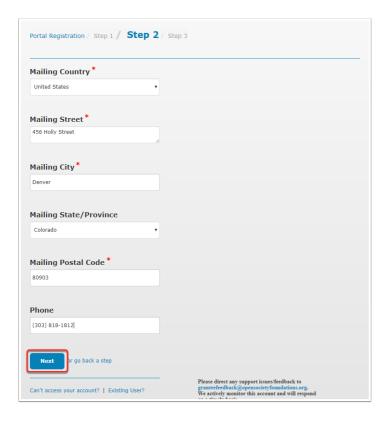


Select organization. Then complete required fields. Click Next.

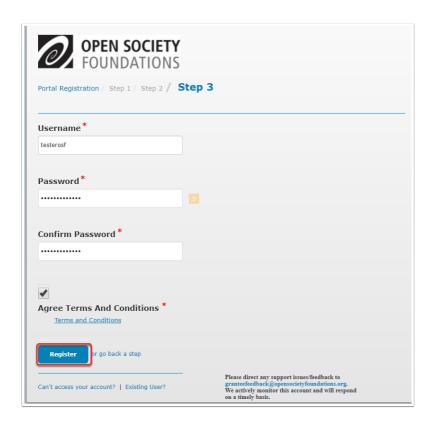


What is an EIN? The EIN is the Employer Identification Number (or Tax ID) for organizations based in the United States. If your organization is not based in the US, skip this field.

Enter mailing information. Click next.



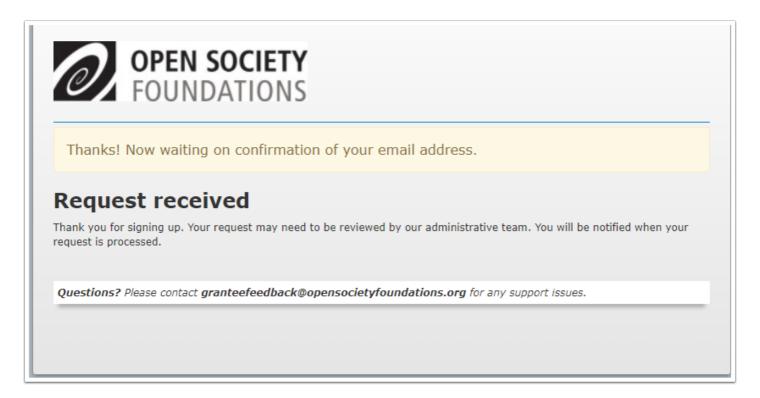
Enter a username, password, and review terms and conditions for using the grantee portal. Click Register.



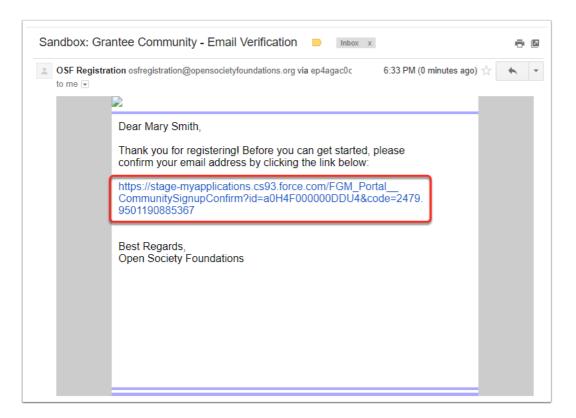
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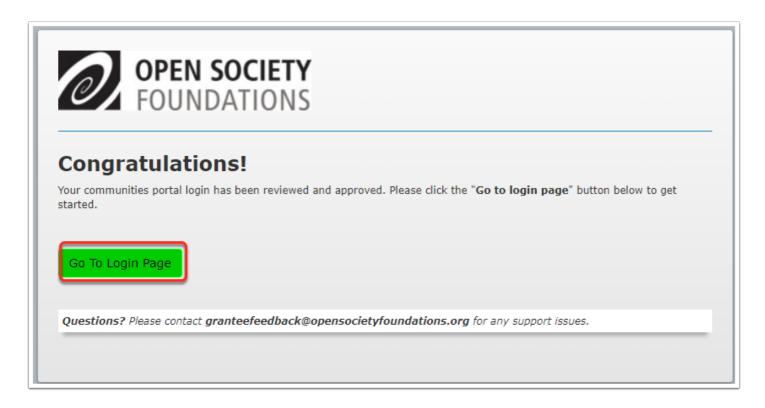
After you submit your registration, look for an email to verify your email address.



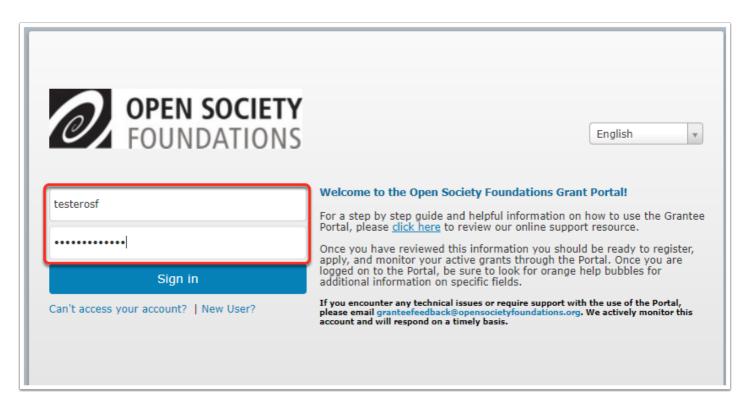
Click on the link in the email to confirm your email address.



The link will take you back to the grant portal. Click the Go To Login Page button to continue.



Enter your username and password to sign in.



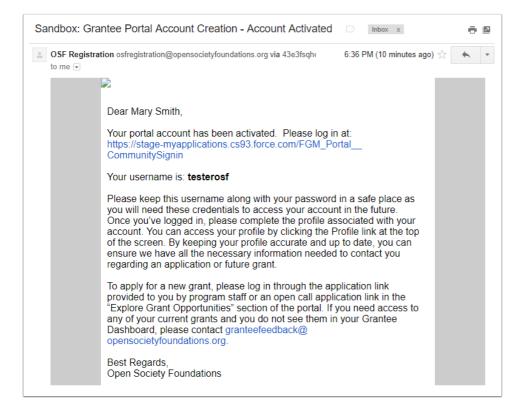
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Be sure to keep this message since it has your username.

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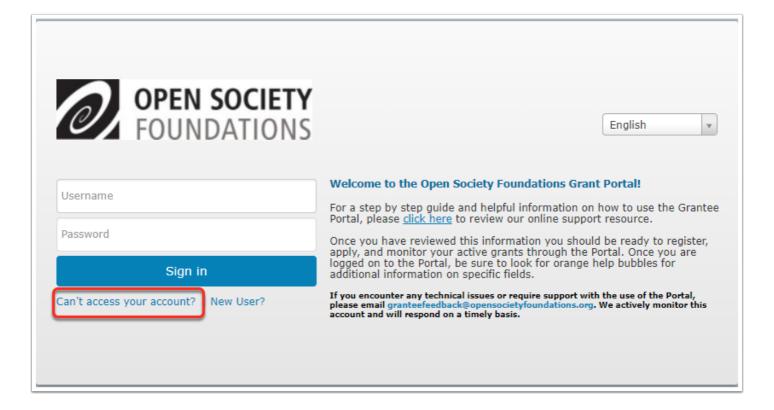
Follow the link in the message to manage pending applications and open grants.



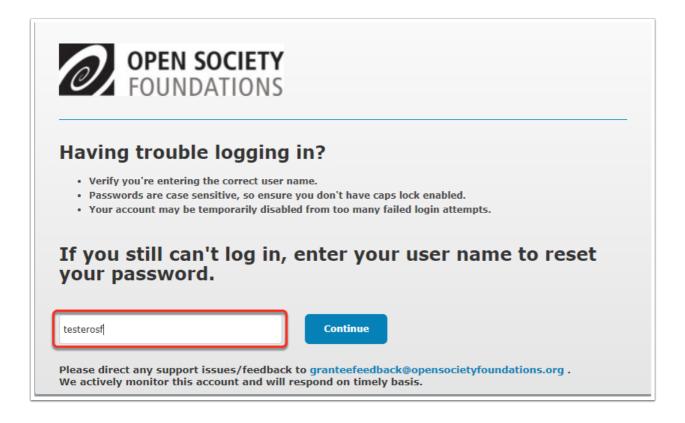
Forgot Password?

Did you forget your password? Follow these steps to re-set your password to log in to the Open Society Foundations Grant Portal.

Click the "Can't access your account?" link.



Enter your user name. Click continue.

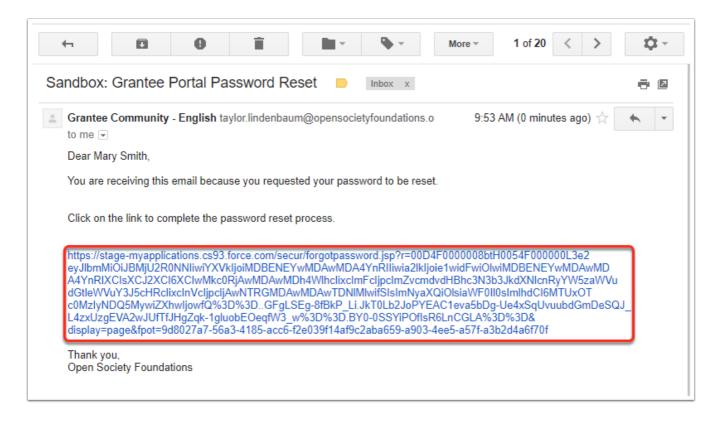




Now, check your email

Check the email account associated with your user name for instructions on resetting your password. Remember to look in your spam folder, where automated messages sometimes filter. If you still can't log in, contact your administrator.

Click the link in your email to re-set your password.



Choose your new password. Click change password.

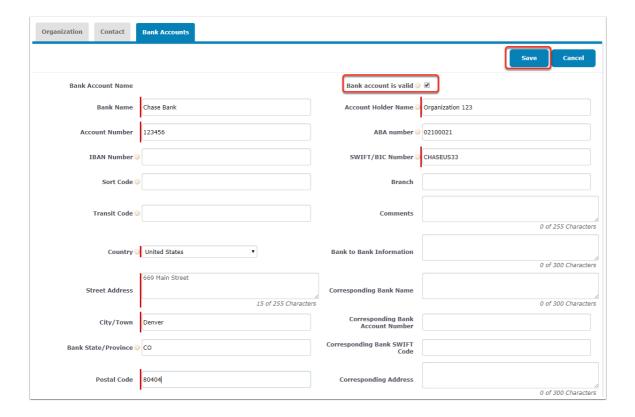


Managing your bank account

Bank Account FAQs

You can enter your banking details in the Open Society Foundations Grant Portal so that if you are awarded a grant, we can make payment.

Complete required fields. Also, be sure to mark the bank account valid.



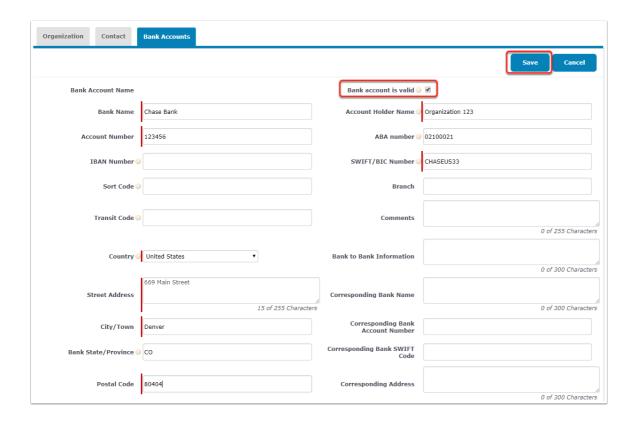


Bank Accounts - a primer for non-finance people!

What information is required by Open Society Foundations in order to transfer a grant payment?

This article summarizes frequently asked questions about banking information that we need in order to send funds for awarded grant applications.

When creating a bank account record, be sure to enter required fields and mark the "Bank account is valid" box. Save.



Account Holder Name

When entering the account holder name, please do not use special characters or non A-Z or 0-9 characters. Please replace letters with diacritical marks like these: À, Á, Â, Ã, Ã, Å, Å, Å, Ā, Ā, Q, Đ, Ø with letters without the mark or accent.

This field integrates into our banking file, and causes a delay in payment if special characters are used.

Do you see fields that don't look familiar? Here are definitions for some of the information we might ask for on your bank account in order to make payment.

What are ABA and SWIFT codes?

ABA and SWIFT codes convey what bank a wire should be sent to.

An ABA number (also known as routing number or routing transfer number) is a sequence of nine numeric characters used by banks to identify specific financial institutions within the United States.

Swift Code is a standard format of Bank Identifier Codes (BIC) and it is unique identification code for a particular bank. These codes are used when transferring money between banks, particularly for international wire transfers. Banks also used the codes for exchanging other messages between them.

What does an ABA look like? Is it the same as the routing number?

Banks located in the United States use ABA or routing codes. An ABA code is 9 digits, all numbers.

Examples:

Bank of America (wires to all branches)= 026009593

JP Morgan Chase (New York branch)= 021000021

JPMorgan Chase (California branch)= 322271627

As you can infer from the examples, some banks have a universal ABA for all branches, while other banks may use different ABA's for different branches. Therefore, don't be surprised if two wires to the same bank may have two different ABA numbers.

What does a SWIFT code look like? Is it the same as a BIC number?

SWIFT codes are 8 or 11 digits usually have the following format:

BBBBCCkk

OR

BBBBCCkkXXX

Where

C= The Country Code (Examples: GB for the United Kingdom, DE for Germany, FR for France)

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k= The "check" code, two digits or letters (there is an algorithm for how to determine the check code, but it's so mind-numbingly esoteric it's not worth going into here)

B= The Bank Information Code (or "BIC"). It is usually a 4-letter abbreviation of the bank (Examples: BARC for Barclays, LOYD for Lloyds, CITI for Citibank).

Do note that sometimes the four letters don't look at the bank at all (For example: MIDL for HSBC bank, which is due to the fact that Midland Bank was bought out by HSBC, but they never bothered to change the BIC)

X= The Branch code (optional). This is a 3-digit combination of numbers and/or letters, or simply "XXX" if it's the main branch. If the SWIFT code is only 8 digits and the branch code is left of, we in finance know that "XXX" is implied.

An example of some SWIFT codes:

BARCGB22XXX (This is going to Barclays in the United Kingdom, main branch)

BARCGB22 (essentially the same as the one above it)

BARCGB2103B (This is also going to Barclays in the United Kingdom, but specifies a branch)

See http://www.theswiftcodes.com/ to confirm SWIFT Code.

What if I only have a SWIFT code for a US Bank?

If your bank has only provided you with SWIFT information such as:

CHASUS33 (JP Morgan Chase)

CITIUS33 (Citibank)

Our finance department is often able to use this information to look up the ABA number, but if no ABA is available, a SWIFT can be used.

What if my US Bank (or Credit Union) doesn't have a SWIFT code?

If your bank or credit union does NOT have a SWIFT or BIC code, then use the following in the field: CREDITUNION

What does an account number look like?

The format varies from bank to bank, but is usually 6-26 digits, mostly numbers but on rare occasions use letters.

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What is an IBAN?

An IBAN stands for International Bank Account Number, and is a coding system meant to supplant account codes for international wires. IBAN codes provide more detailed information than normal account numbers and usually have less risk in transcription errors.

Is an IBAN required for all wires?

For wires to **US banks** (from other US banks, which is the case with US), IBANs are not used.

For wires to **European banks** and some other banks, the IBAN is required. Follow these external links to see where IBAN is mandatory and recommended.

- Countries where the use of IBAN is mandatory
- · Countries where the use of IBAN is recommended

What does an IBAN look like?

The format of an IBAN number varies by country, and a complete list can be found here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IBAN#List_of_valid_IBANs_by_country

Don't be overwhelmed by this listyou need not memorize every format of IBAN. The important takeaway is understanding roughly what it looks like so you can find it on the mess of numbers your vendor, consultant, or grantee gives you from their bank: an IBAN number is usually a 15-31 digit mixture of numbers or letters, with the first two letters being a country code.

Some generic examples to get a feel for what they look like:

GB22 BARC 1234 5612 3456 78 (United Kingdom)

FR12 1234 5123 4512 3456 7890 012 (France)

RO80 BRDE 123S V123 4567 8901 (Romania)

What is a SORT code?

Banks in the UK require one additional piece of information for a wire to go through: a 6 digit code called a Sort Code.

In theory, a bank should be able to determine the Sort Code from the IBAN number: it is digits 9-14 of the IBAN. So if the IBAN is **GB22 BARC 1234 5612 3456 78**, the Sort code will be **12-34-56**.

In practice, the banks are never that proactive, and are known to reject wires for missing a Sort Code even though they have the IBAN. For this reason it is best practice to be redundant and include the Sort Code as a separate line.

What is a Transit Number?

A Transit Number is used while doing financial transactions with Canadian Banks. The 8 digit Transit Number identifies the beneficiary financial institution and the branch to which a payment is being initiated. A Transit Number is essential for making payments through the Canadian clearing system.

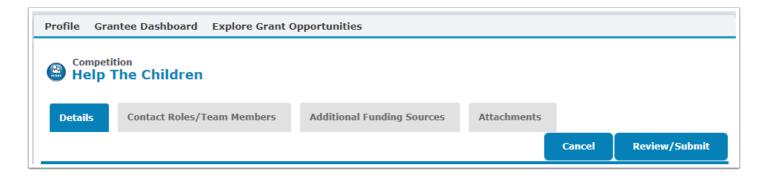
Proposals

Starting your application

This article walks you through the steps of starting your application for funding at OSF.

You can apply for grants either by applying to one of the grant opportunities listed on the Explore Grant Opportunities page OR by following a special link sent by an OSF staff person.

Clicking the link will open the application form.

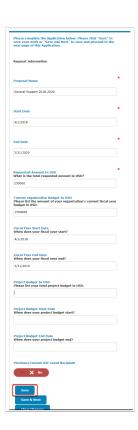


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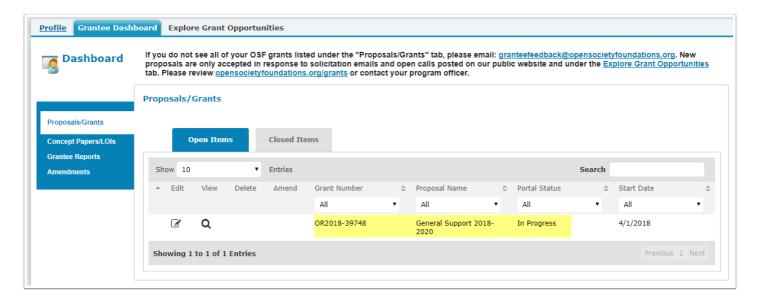
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If you don't have all your application materials gathered and ready to submit, complete the required fields and save your work.

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After you click save, you'll see the application on the proposals/grants tab of your dashboard. The proposal will stay in "In Progress" status until you submit it for review.

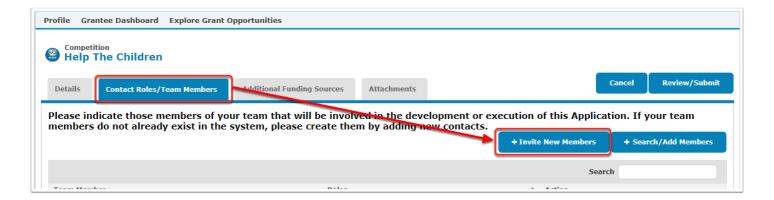


Adding new contacts

Do you need to invite someone to collaborate with you on this grant application?

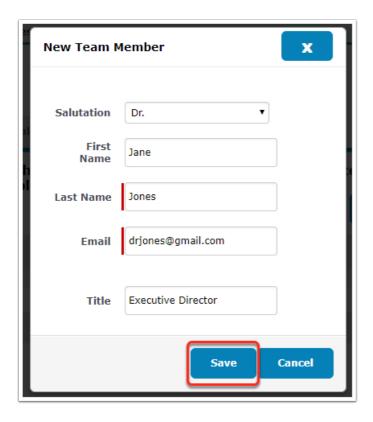
Follow these steps to send that person an invitation to access this grant application.

On the application record, click the Contact Roles/Team Member tab. Click the Invite New Members button.

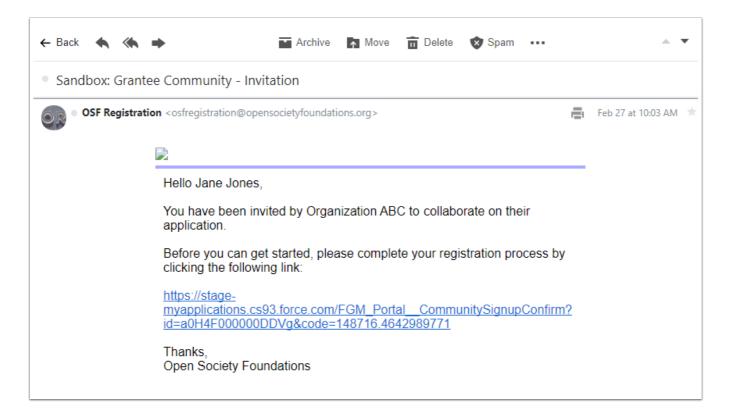


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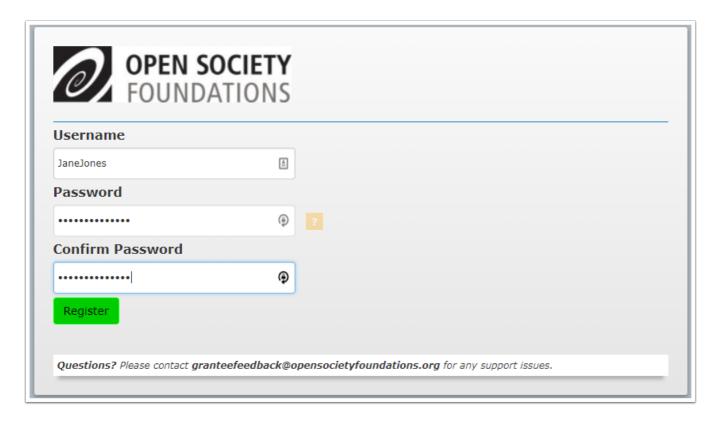
Enter the name and email address for the new team member. Click Save.



The new team member will receive an invitation message to register for the Grantee Portal.



They will choose a username and password to register.



A message will be sent to the team member after our administrative team has reviewed the request. Please allow 2 business days to receive notification.



Request received

Thank you for signing up. Your request may need to be reviewed by our administrative team. You will be notified when your request is processed.

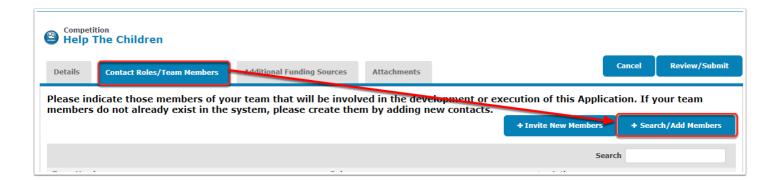
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Create a role for team members

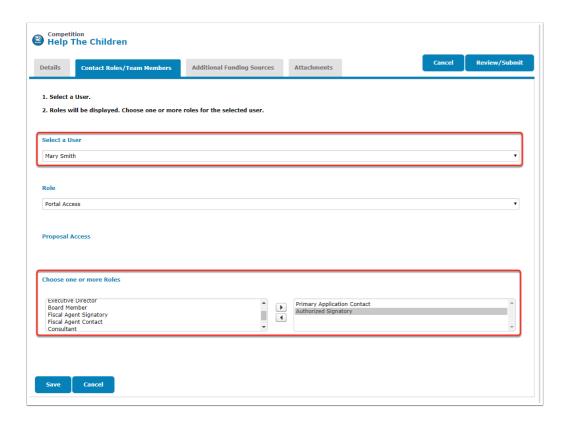
Do you want to designate who should sign a grant agreement? Or who should be contacted about grantee reports and payments?

This article outlines the steps to designate those roles on an application.

On the Contact Roles/Team Members tab, click Search/Add members



Select a user, then choose one or more roles that user has. Click Save.



What does each role mean?

Role Name	What it means?
Primary Application Contact *	The main contact person for the grant. This is usually the person with substantive knowledge of the grant activities.
Reporting Contact	This person will receive email notification of report due dates.
Payment Contact	This person will receive email notification of grant payment.
Executive Director	The head or leader of the organization.
Board Member	A member of the organization's governing board. Please list only if the board member is involved with developing the proposal.



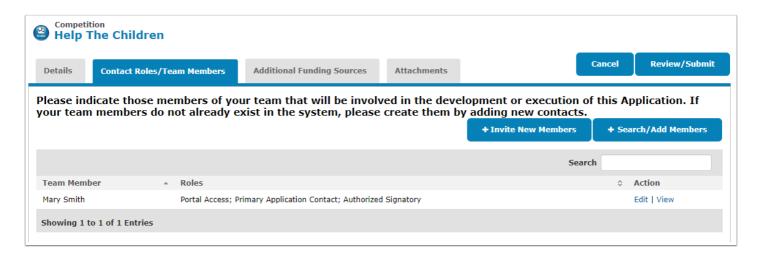
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Role Name	What it means?
Authorized Signatory *	This person is authorized to sign a grant agreement on behalf of the organization.
Fiscal Agent Authorized Signatory	This person is authorized to sign a grant agreement on behalf of a fiscal agent operating to facilitate grant fund transfer.
Fiscal Agent Contact	This is a contact at the fiscal agent.
Consultant	Someone who might contribute to the development of a grant application.
Other	



A Primary Application Contact and an Authorized Signatory are required to complete a grant agreement.

You can view each person with their assigned roles.



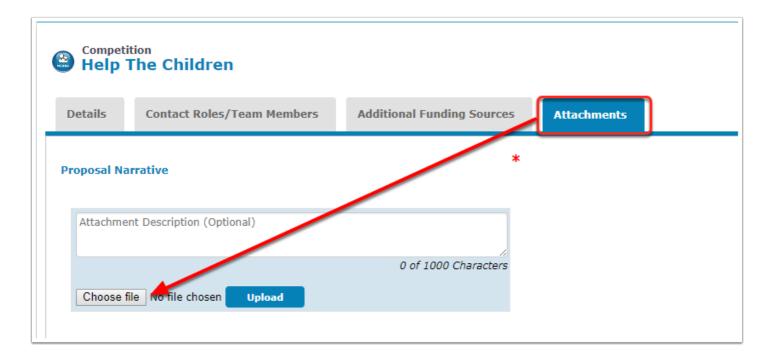
Attaching documents to your proposal record

Once you are ready to upload proposal and budget documents to your grant application, follow these steps.

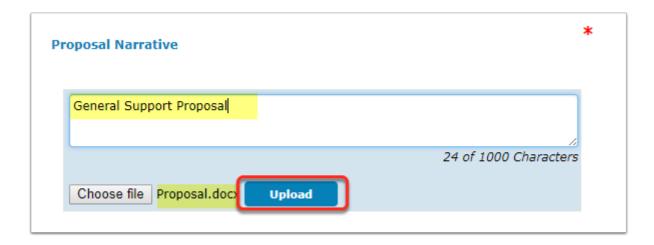


A If you are using the Internet Explorer browser, you may have trouble uploading attachments to your grant application. Please use Chrome, Firefox, or Safari browsers to complete your application.

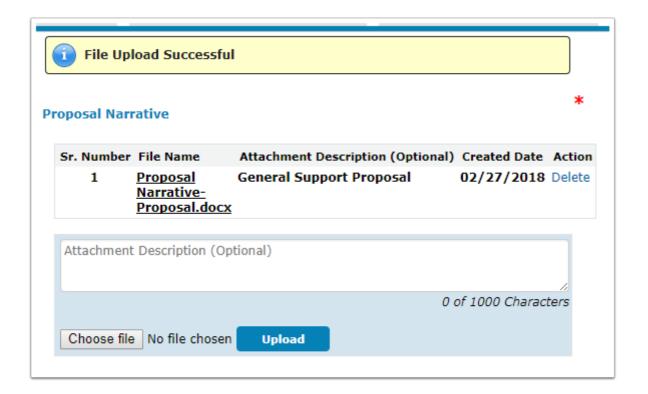
In the proposal record, click on the attachments tab. Click Choose file.



Attach the file from your computer. You can add a brief description of the file if you wish. Click upload.

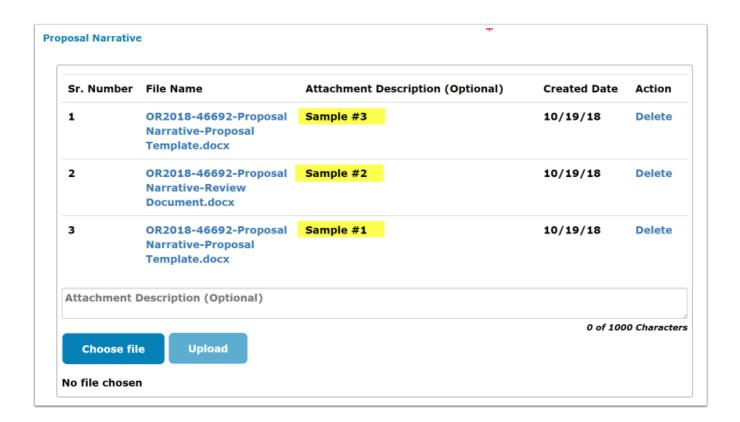


You will receive a message that the file upload was successful.



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If you need to upload more than one file (like multiple writing samples, or proposal appendices) in order to respond to a question, complete the first two steps again.



Upload the other required files (those with a red asterisk). Click Save to attach the files to your application.

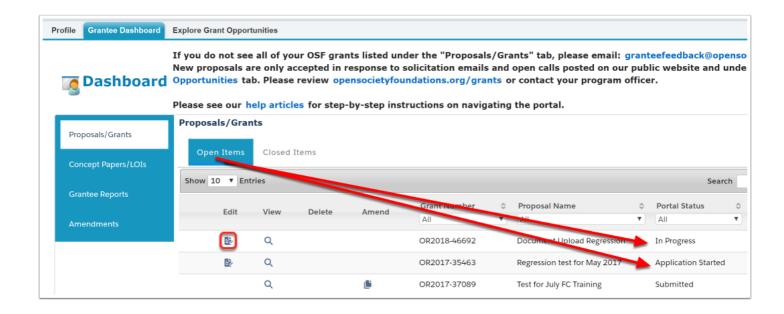


I uploaded the wrong document. How do I replace it?

As long as you haven't submitted your application, you can still make changes and replace documents that you have uploaded through the portal.

From your dashboard, navigate to your pending application. Click on the edit button next to the application you need to update.

- Applications in the following statuses cannot be edited:
- Submitted
- Awarded
- Closed

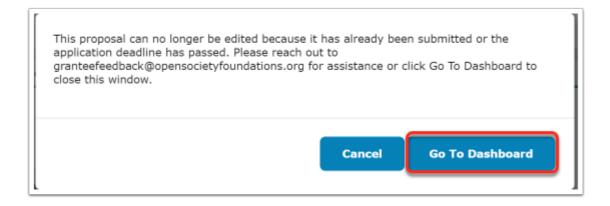


What happens if I get an error message?

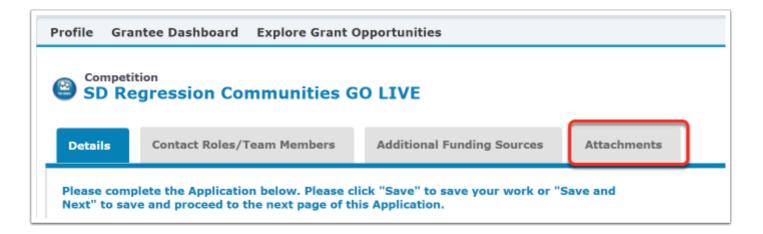
Unfortunately, you can't submit the application because the deadline has passed. Please reach out to the program if you need to submit the application after the deadline.

Clicking cancel will allow you to view the application record.

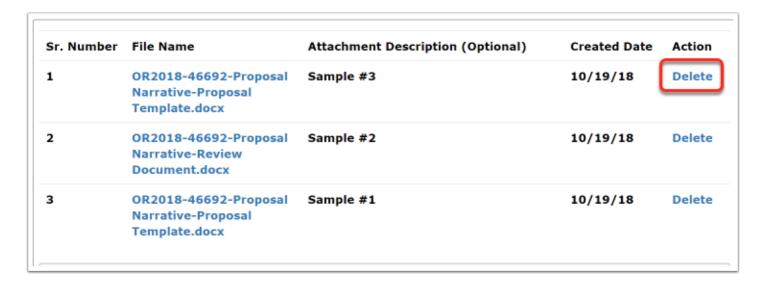
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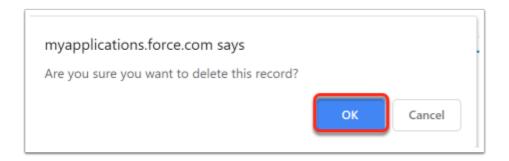
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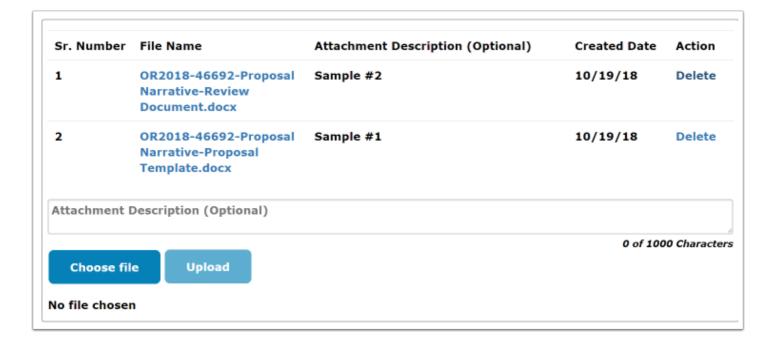
Find the document that you want to delete or replace. Click Delete.



Confirm that you want to delete the attachment.



The document has been removed.



You can follow these steps to upload a new version if you desire. Attaching documents to your proposal record

Click Save.

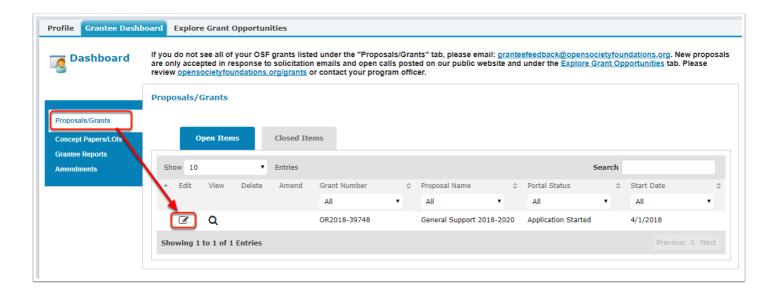


Submitting your application

After you have answered the required questions on each tab and attached the required documents, you may submit your application for review.

This article outlines the steps to review and submit your application.

From the grantee dashboard, navigate to the proposals/grants tab. Click on the edit button to open the application you have started.

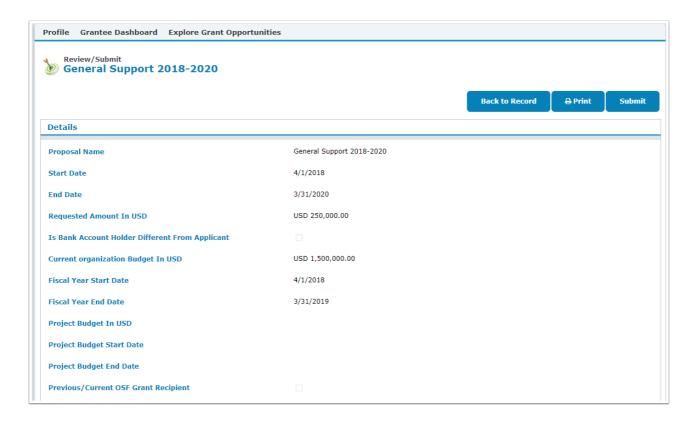


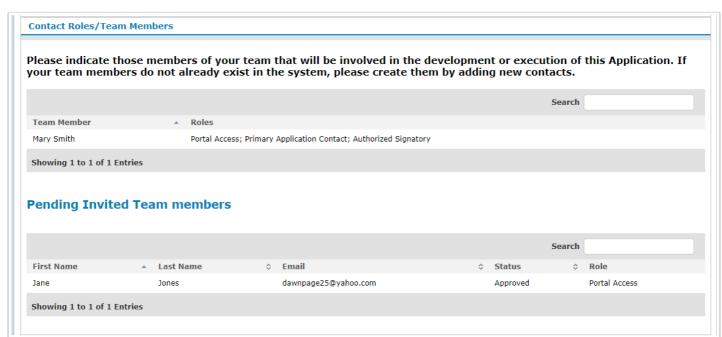
After you have entered information on each tab, click the Review/Submit button.



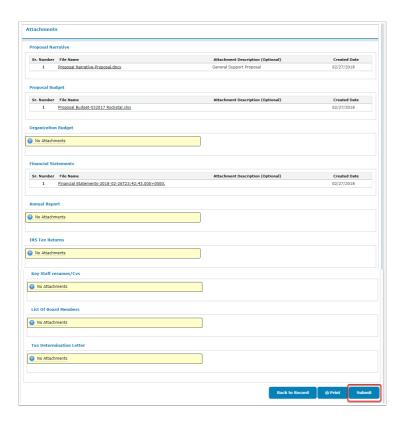
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Review the information you have entered for the entire proposal. If the information you entered is correct, click submit.





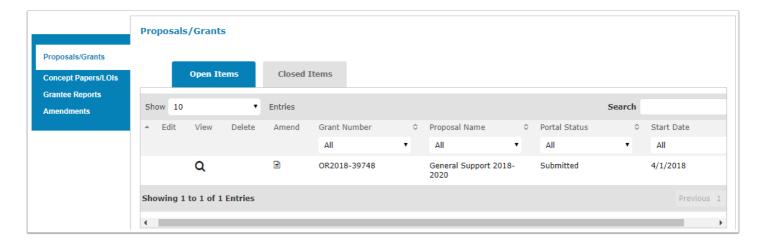
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Once you submit, you won't be able to edit the application.



The status of the application is changed to "Submitted." OSF Program Staff will review your application and notify you if they have questions or you need to take additional action.

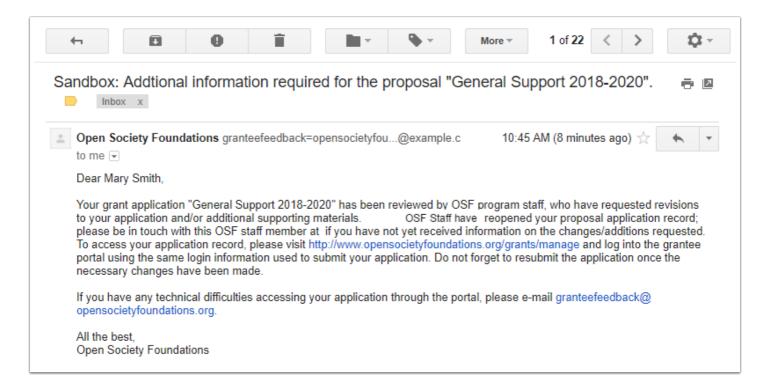


Responding to questions on your proposal

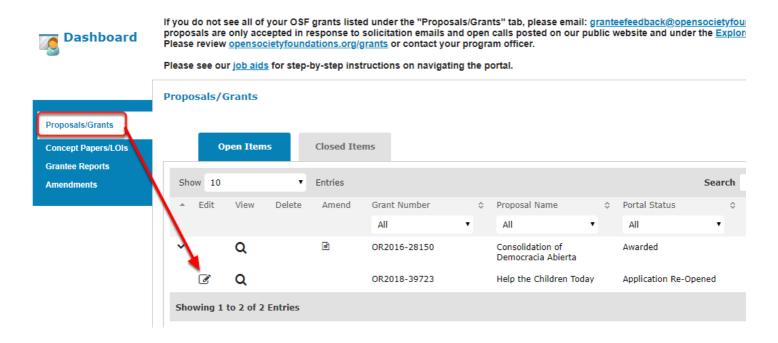
If you have submitted a proposal, and OSF Program staff have follow-up questions, you will be able to submit an updated proposal and budget that responds to their questions.

This article outlines the steps you should take.

Optimally, you will receive a personalized email from program staff with their specific questions first. Then you may receive the following system-generated message.

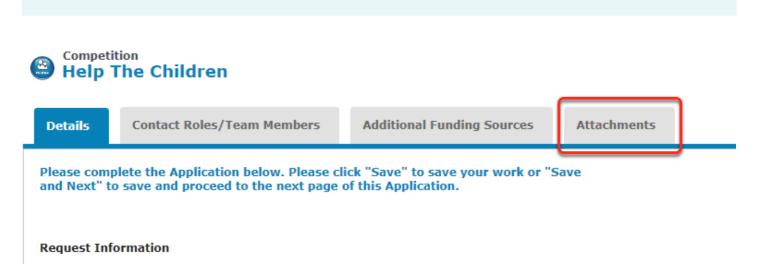


When you navigate to the Grantee Dashboard, you will see that the Edit icon is available. The status of the proposal has been updated to "Application Re-Opened."

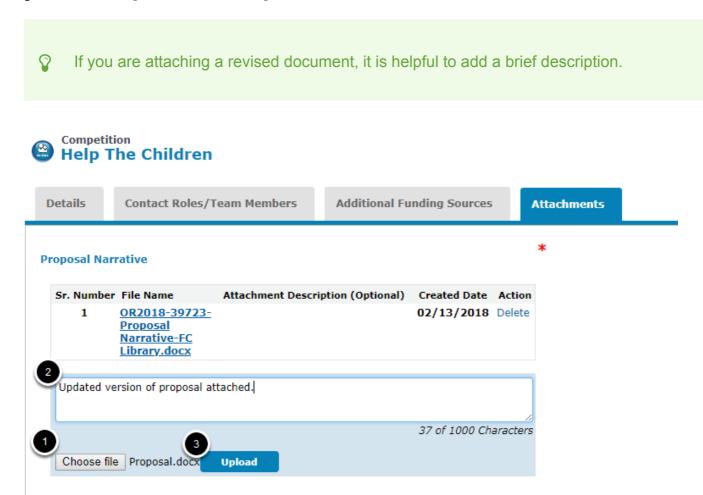


Click on the attachments tab.

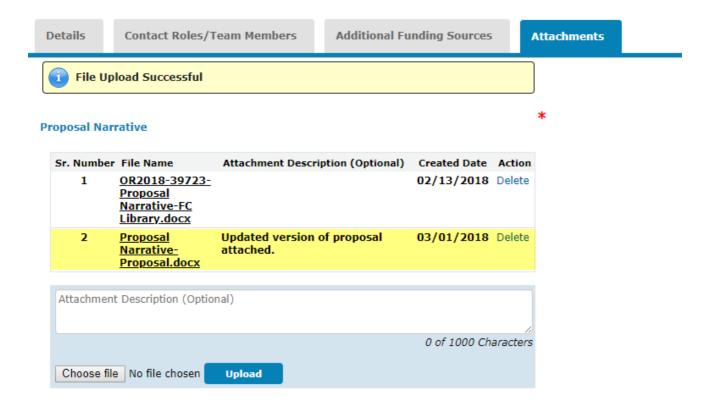
Most of the time, OSF program staff will ask for clarifications on grant activities or a grant budget. To update that information, you should revise your original grant application document and address the points that the program staff has raised.



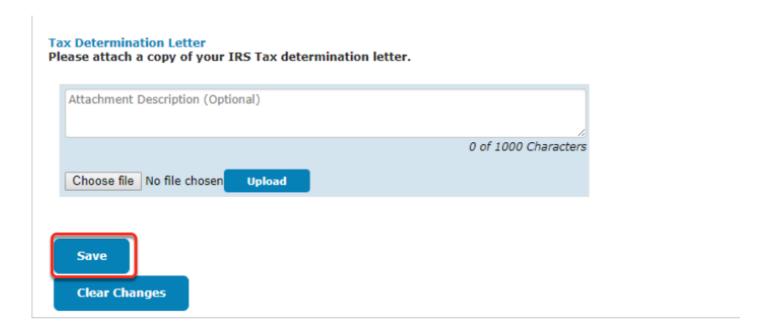
To upload the revised proposal narrative, chose a file from your computer and upload it.



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Then click on the Review/Submit button.



You have another chance to review the new attachments that will be submitted for review.



Click Submit.

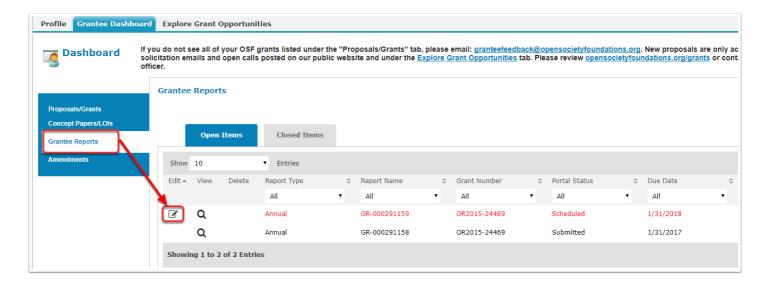


Managing open grants

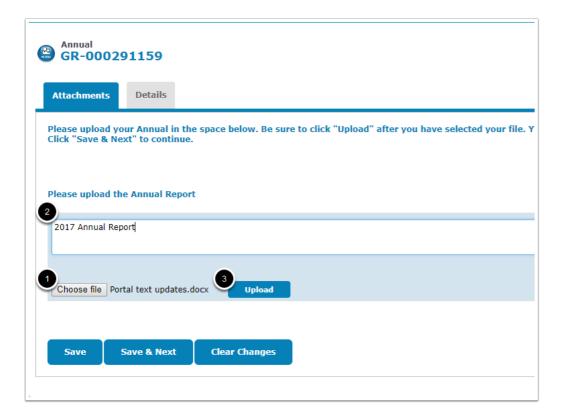
Submitting reports

If you have an active grant, you can submit grantee reports in the Grantee Portal. This article outlines the steps to submit pending reports.

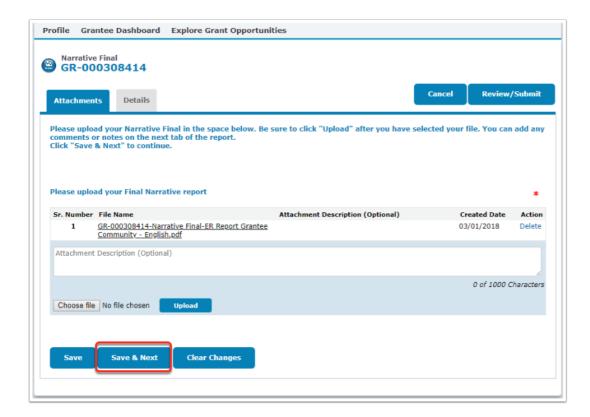
Click the Grantee Reports tab to review open grantee reports. Click the Edit button to attach reports.



Choose the file from your computer, add a description and upload your report.



You will receive a message that the file upload was successful. Click Save and Next to add comments.



Click the Review/Submit button.



What kind of amendment can I ask for?

If you have received a grant agreement that you have countersigned, and you want to request a change to the terms of the grant, below is a list of the types of amendments you can request.

Type of change	What it means
No-Cost Extension	More time to complete grant activities.
Other Report Date	Do you need to request a change in report due dates?
	If so, enter new report due dates in the narrative description below and tell us why you are requesting a revised reporting schedule.
	Depending on the type of grant you received and if your revised dates are approved, you will either receive a simplified notification that your request was approved or you will receive an amendment letter for your countersignature.
Payment Date	Do you need to request a change in payment dates outlined in the original agreement?
	If so, please submit a revised payment schedule along with a brief narrative justification.
	If your revised payment schedule is approved, you will either receive a simplified notification that your request was approved or you will receive an amendment letter for your countersignature.
Budget Modification	Do any of the scenarios apply to your budget modification request? • Add a new budget line item • Adjust existing allocations more than the permissible percentage indicated in your agreement • Re-allocate additional funds to Salaries and Benefits

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Type of change	What it means
	If your request falls in one of these categories, submit a revised budget in the attachments section, and complete the narrative field justifying the request.
	If your request is approved, you will either receive a simplified notification that your request was approved or you will receive an amendment letter for your countersignature.
	Please keep in mind that budget modifications do NOT involve additional funds to an awarded grant. If you would like to request supplemental funds for your project, please send a message to your program contact.
Scope of Work	Do you want to make a substantive change to the grant activities? Are there new constraints in your operating environment that necessitate a change in your approved activities?
	If so, choose Scope of Work. Please provide a narrative description of the proposed changes as well as a justification for the revised scope of work and a revised budget that reflects costs associated with your new activities.
	If your request is approved, you will either receive a simplified notification that your request was approved or you will receive an amendment letter for your countersignature.
Unspent Funds	Do you have unspent funds due to savings or exchange rate gains?
	If you want to use the funds for other activities that are related to the approved grant, provide a brief narrative description of the activities, and a summary budget of how the unspent funds will be spent.
	If your request is approved, you will either receive a simplified notification that your request was approved or you will receive an amendment letter for your countersignature.



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Type of change	What it means
Other	If you are requesting a change that does not meet any of the criteria described above, please chose "Other." Include an explanation of your request in the narrative description field, and attach any relevant documents that support your request. Examples include, but are not limited to: Change of grantee's legal name Change of grantee's tax status Change of fiscal agent Removing a fiscal agent Spinoff of sponsored project De-obligating grant funds Reducing a grant period Termination



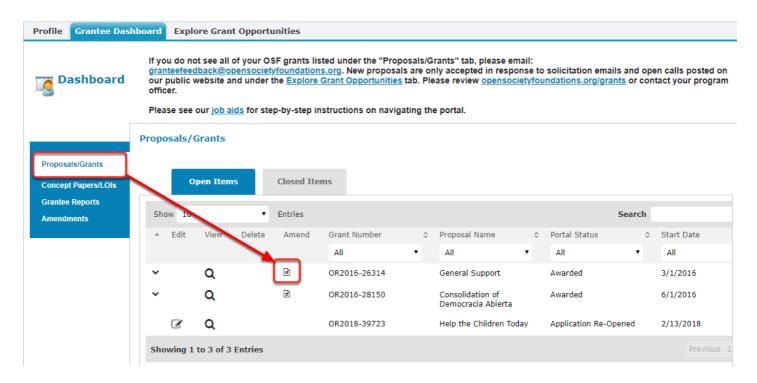
How do I request a grant amendment or a nocost extension?

Do you need more time to complete grant activities? Would you like to request a budget modification?

This article outlines the steps to request an amendment to your awarded grant.

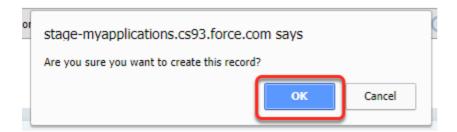
Please note that you can not request an amendment if the grant end date has already passed. If the grant term has completed, but you still need more time, please reach out to your program staff contact.

From the Proposals/Grants tab, click the Amend icon next to the grant you would like to amend.

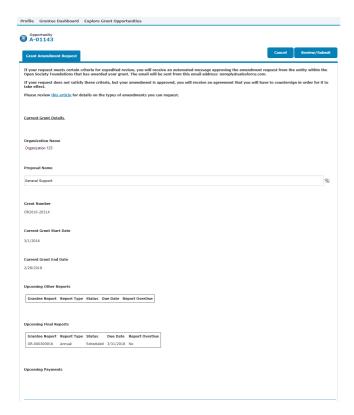




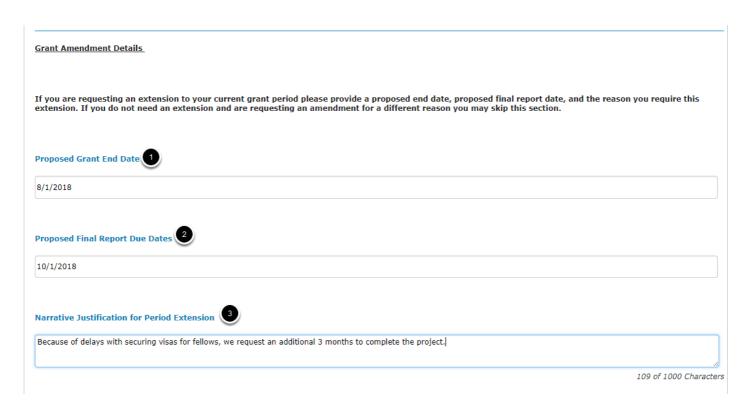
Click Ok.



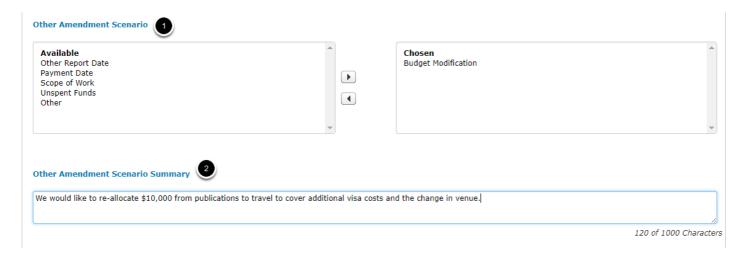
An amendment record will open. Current grant details are displayed at the top of the record:



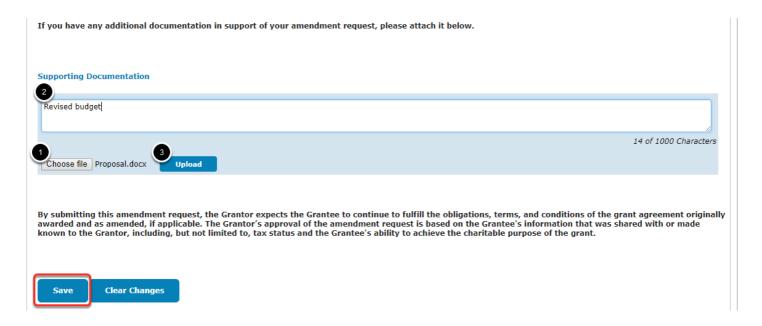
If you are requesting a no-cost extension, enter the proposed end date, proposed final report due dates, and a narrative justification for the extension.



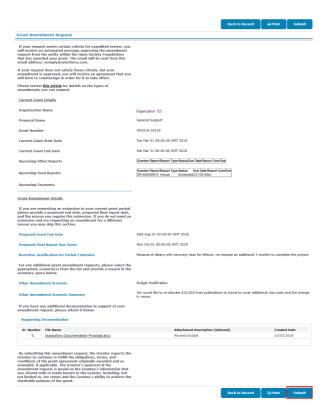
If you are requesting another type of amendment, choose the value from the list and enter a brief description of the request.



Attach any supporting documentation. Click save.



Review the request. Click submit.



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Technical Help

Issues When Registering

This article will help you work through potential errors when attempting to register with the Grantee Communities Portal.

Email is already in use with this Organization



If you received this error, it means you are attempting to register with an email that is already linked to a unique portal account. Please reach out to us at granteefeedback@opensocietyfoundations.org to help identify your already existing account.

Error with Application Attachments

This article will help you troubleshoot the error message "Error in processing attachments. Please contact the administrator.

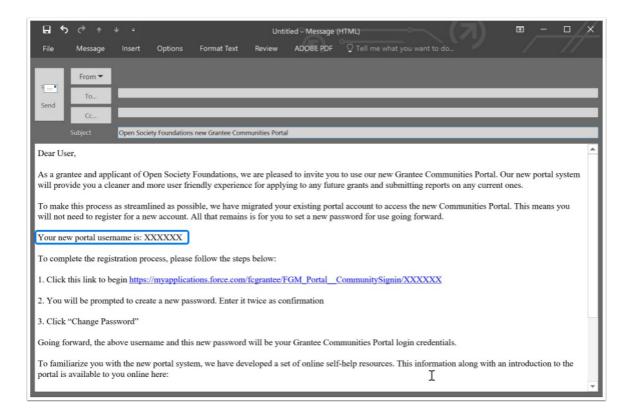


This error occurs when your upload file name includes characters that the system doesn't recognize. For the purposes of uploading attachments please ensure your file name is made up of standard English letters and numbers. Avoid using any additional special characters except "-" or " ".

First Time Users- Unable to set my password

This article is related to our initial roll out of the new Grantee Communities Portal. For users who received a system generated welcome email with a link to set a new password.

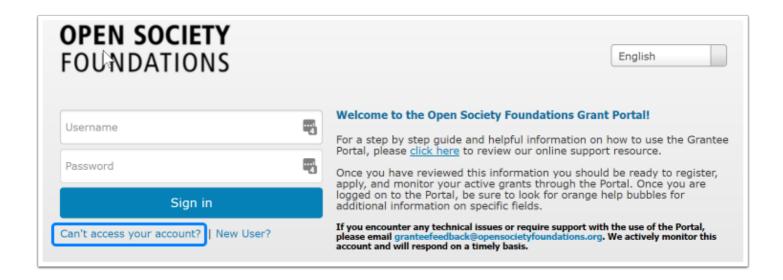
If you received an email similar to the one below, it is because you had an account with our old portal system and we have automatically moved you over to the new Grantee Communities Portal.



The password reset link contained in your invitation email includes a security feature that disables the link after 24 hours. Clicking on an expired password reset link will automatically direct you to the Grantee Communities Portal login screen.

If this happens to you, the next step is to manually reset your password via the "Can't access your account" link on the login page.

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From there, you can enter the username included in your original email and you will get an email with a new link for resetting your password.

