



THE **NEW** PODCAST CONTRACTS

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SAG-AFTRA Podcast Contracts FAQs

What kinds of podcasts are eligible for SAG-AFTRA coverage?

Any podcast can be covered under a SAG-AFTRA agreement — low budget or big budget — we have contracts that work for every podcast.

What genre of podcasts can be covered?

You can cover any genre of podcast under our new, dedicated podcast agreements — dramatic, interview, true crime, comedy... every podcast can be a SAG-AFTRA podcast!

Who can submit a podcast project for SAG-AFTRA coverage?

The producer or representative of the producing company of the podcast should submit the project for coverage.

What if I'm producing my own podcast? Can I cover my own podcast?

Absolutely! Our MicroPod Contract is perfect for members whose podcasts aren't bringing in a lot of compensation (yet), and our Independent Podcast Agreement is a great fit for members who have an LLC or corporation and want to cover the podcast that is generating substantial income.

What are the ways a podcast can be covered by SAG-AFTRA?

- MicroPod — for projects with no/low monetization.
- Independent Podcast Agreement — for any independent podcast that has a budget and/or monetization exceeding \$10,000.
- Existing contract relationships — SAG-AFTRA negotiates term Podcast Agreements with podcast companies that have minimum rates and specific terms that may be different from our promulgated agreements. We also have contracts and relationships with broadcast shops and audiobook companies that produce podcasts.

How do Benefit Plan contributions work under the MicroPod and Independent Agreements?

Benefit Plan contributions can't be made under the MicroPod Agreement. Contributions to the SAG-AFTRA Health Plan, the SAG Pension Plan and the AFTRA Retirement Fund may be paid on under the Independent Agreement.

Can performers earn Benefit Plan eligibility through coverage under these new podcast agreements?

Yes! If your podcast is covered under the Independent Podcast Agreement, your earnings can help you qualify for health insurance from the SAG-AFTRA Health Plan, and a pension from the SAG Pension or AFTRA Retirement Plan.

Do I need to have an LLC or similar business entity in order to submit my podcast for SAG-AFTRA coverage?

You can cover your podcast under the MicroPod Agreement without a business entity. You can only submit your podcast for coverage under the Independent Podcast Agreement if you have a corporation or LLC.

Can I become eligible to join SAG-AFTRA through my work on a SAG-AFTRA covered podcast?

It depends. Working under the MicroPod Agreement does not provide eligibility to join SAG-AFTRA, but under the Independent Podcast Agreement you may become eligible to join.

Where do I go to sign my podcast?

Get in touch with us at PodcastContracts@sagaftra.org if you'd like to sign a podcast.

If I have questions, who should I contact?

Reach out to us at PodcastContracts@sagaftra.org with any questions.

