

DAN SHERVEN

WRITER

GRANT WRITING EXPERIENCE

Years ago, I worked as a speechwriter for the Saskatchewan provincial government in Agriculture. One of my tasks was to re-write 100+ page scientific reports into articles. Essentially, the government would fund scientific experiments in agriculture; often funding new bio-technologies. These scientists would write 100+ page reports about the experiment and the results. My task was to read through these reports, then translate them to the public; by writing public-facing articles which explained the scientific experiments.

In 2024, I began grant writing. I currently work for a grant writing firm in the United States as an independent contractor. So far I have written three foundation grants for that firm. Those grants were written for non-profits. The largest dollar amount was \$75,000.

My brother and I also started our own grant writing firm, **SaskGrants** (saskgrants.ca). We've applied for two Canadian federal arts grants through the Canada Council for the Arts. These grants were each for \$60,000. We are now working on two more federal arts grants, for the Council. Each grant will be for \$25,000.

Our first large client through **SaskGrants**, is a consultant firm in Alberta. I've written a response to an RFP for that firm, which was submitted to a municipality. The total estimated cost of the municipality's project is more than 240 million dollars. And the cost proposal I wrote, was for about half a million dollars.

Now, **SaskGrants** is talking with multiple potential new clients in the non-profit world. We are always looking to expand our reach. Whether that is through **SaskGrants**, or as independent contractors.



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SKILLS

- Writing
- Editing
- Digital Media
- Interviewing

EDUCATION

Bachelors of Journalism
University of Regina
2018 - 2020

Won many awards and scholarships, including an investigative journalism award. Graduated with distinction.

Bachelors of Philosophy
University of Regina
2011 - 2017

Won many awards and scholarships, including the Ethics Prize.

PORTFOLIO

Dan Sherven's books, articles, talks, interviews and more are available here.

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SHORT BIO

Dan Sherven is the author of four books, including the number one bestseller *Classified: Off the Beat 'N Path* and *Uncreated Light*. Sherven is also an award-winning journalist, writing for several publications. Find Sherven's work at: linktr.ee/dansherven

WORK EXPERIENCE

Author

Publishing Houses 2019 - Present

- First novel *Light and Dark* published through a UK press. It's a crime thriller and well-reviewed.
- Authored Juno-winning rapper Classified's memoir, *Classified: Off the Beat 'N Path*. Years of research and interviews, including traveling across the country to do more interviews. The book is a number one Amazon bestseller and is available at all major book stores. It's also available as an audiobook.
- My third book is a large poetry collection of song lyrics: *Live to the Point of Tears*. It's published through the same UK press and well-reviewed.
- My fourth book *Uncreated Light* is about a man who is killed by a drunk driver, and the dead man's journey through the afterlife, to save himself and his loved ones. It's based on the true story of a friend's death. The book has reached 33rd in its category on Amazon's bestseller list.

Journalist

Freelance 2019 - Present

- Journalistic writer for the following publications: *Word on Fire*, *The Symbolic World*, the *Homiletic and Pastoral Review*, *Christian Courier*, Luther College, the Archdiocese of Regina, and the Schizophrenia Society of Saskatchewan.
- Work varies from journalistic interview pieces, to public relations articles, academic articles, traditional news items, and various media reviews.
- Won a journalism award, with funding to work independently on a six-part feature about mental illness and the justice system. Attended court hearings, interviewed family members of deceased persons, interviewed a prisoner. Brought the 12,000-word project to completion.
- Editor for a writer, who writes for three publications and is working on his first book; a book about Canadian history and religious symbolism.
- The editing ranges from working on smaller reviews, to large-scale published articles which will also be used as book chapters. The editing is both conceptual, through conversations with the writer, and technical—meaning editing the writing itself for extreme clarity.

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MORE SKILLS

- Video Editing
- Photography
- CP/AP Style
- Communications
- Research
- Public Relations
- Adobe Creative Suite
- WordPress Articles
- Canva Graphic Design
- Wix Website Design

REFERENCES

"Dan Sherven wields words like a butterfly knife sharpened by both pain and grace."

— **Austin M. Davis,**
Regina Leader-Post

"Dan Sherven is a break-out talent; a wordsmith with a lot to say. Pay attention Canada, there is a new and unique voice on the Canadian literary landscape."

— **John MacIntyre,**
MacIntyre Purcell Publishing

"I've only known Dan for a few years now, but his love for writing has def been evident. He helped me put my autobiography together, and helped me find the right words to tell my story. Excited to see what he does with his next project."

— **Classified,**
Canadian Hip-Hop Legend

WORK EXPERIENCE

Junior Communications Consultant

Government of Saskatchewan 2014 - 2015

- Wrote speeches for the Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture, and various other Members of the Legislative Assembly; as pertains to Agriculture.
- Interviewed leaders in the agricultural industry, then wrote public-facing articles about those government-industry collaborations.
- Took 100+ page scientific reports and re-wrote them into public-facing articles, explaining the agricultural and scientific research which the ministry was undertaking.
- Researched the latest developments within agricultural policy organizations, and then wrote public-facing articles explaining their work.
- Edited *Crop Report* each week, which is relied on by farmers to make decisions. Maintained the SK Ministry of Agriculture website through small updates. Minor graphic design in Adobe Photoshop. Print layout in Adobe InDesign.

Public Relations Specialist

The Salvation Army Summer 2018

- Responsible for all public relations in Southern Saskatchewan.
- Wrote social media posts for The Salvation Army.
- Carried a phone at all hours to monitor public social media responses.
- Oversaw a film company producing video interviews for The Salvation Army.
- Listened at meetings of other departments to identify new PR opportunities.
- Travelled out of province to learn more about donation management.
- Did photography at events organized by The Salvation Army.
- Spoke at a career fair about opportunities provided by The Salvation Army.
- Stayed in Winnipeg at The Salvation Army's Booth University College.

Teaching Assistant

University of Regina and Campion College 2015 - 2017

- Teaching Assistant for the University of Regina's Department of Philosophy. Marked papers for the professor of philosophy, assisted in the lecture hall.
- Teaching assistant for Campion College's Department of Film. Marked papers for the professor of film.