

# **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS PROGRAM**

## **2012 APPLICATION**

### **MONTEREY COUNTY FILM COMMISSION SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS PROGRAMS**

#### **2012 GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Monterey County Film Commission Scholarships and Awards Program was created to provide financial aid and incentive to students of film and beginning filmmakers. In keeping with our mission, the goal is to provide, encourage and support educational opportunities relating to film, to the residents of Monterey County. The purpose of the MCFC Scholarships and Awards Fund at the Community Foundation for Monterey County is to keep a growing amount of funds available in perpetuity and annually make awards to deserving filmmakers and students of film.

The MCFC Scholarships and Awards Committee will consist of seven (7) members: three (3) members of the MCFC Scholarships and Awards Committee; the Vice President of the MCFC Board; and three (3) local film professionals. The selection committee, the board of directors and employees of the Monterey County Film Commission scholarship sponsors, and family members of the aforementioned shall be ineligible for the Scholarship Award.

**All completed applications must be received or postmarked by February 17th, 2012 at 5 P.M. The recipient(s) of the award of \$2,000 or two (2) \$1,000 awards will be announced and notified no later than March 31, 2012. Recipient(s) will receive a letter of instruction on how to claim their Scholarship Award and will have six (6) months after notification to complete the claim process. If the Scholarship Award is not claimed within the six (6) month period, the award will be forfeited and the funds will be returned to the Monterey County Film Commission's Scholarship Fund.**

# Monterey County Film Commission

## Scholarships and Awards Program

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**Application Process:** Each applicant is responsible for carefully reading this program announcement flyer and submitting the required material, including application form, proof of current registration, transcripts, two (2) letters of recommendation, personal statements, and financial information. All materials must be submitted or postmarked by February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012. No applications will be accepted after this deadline date. Incomplete application packets and applications without signatures will not be reviewed.

### **Each Applicant Must Fulfill these Criteria:**

1. Be a resident of Monterey County and currently enrolled for at least 9 units at a Community College or University, or, if not a resident of the county, must be currently enrolled in a Community College or University located in Monterey County. Application must include official proof of current registration.
2. Be age 18 or older. Applicant must include a photocopy of a government-issued photo identification showing date of birth and a current address.
3. Have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher. Applicant must include a copy of transcript for all prior college-level work.
4. Provide two (2) letters of recommendation or two (2) optional Applicant Assessment forms.
5. Write a Statement of Purpose (250 words or less) showing strong commitment to specific goals as a filmmaker.
6. Write a Statement of Financial Needs (250 words or less) documenting details and explaining how the scholarship money will be used.
7. Write a statement (500 words or more) describing a prior film-related project on which the applicant worked. Statement should explain the applicant's area of responsibility and effects on the project overall.

**Scholarship recipient(s) will be notified by mail. The MCFC Scholarships and Awards Committee reserves the right and sole authority to select students and filmmakers based on their individual merits, financial needs, and the consensus of the Committee. In some instances finalists may be invited to provide additional information or to interview with the committee to complete the selection process.**

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## APPLICATION FORM

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Application Due: February 17th, 2012

Return completed application to:

**The Monterey County Film Commission**

**Scholarships and Awards Committee**

**P. O. Box 111**

**Monterey, CA 93942**

Questions? Call 831-646-0910

### Section 1 Please Print or Type

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

CA Drivers License Number (or other government issued ID): \_\_\_\_\_

College where currently enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Units completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of units for which you are currently enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

If you plan to transfer, which college or university will you attend?

\_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

List the names of two (2) people who have knowledge of your interest in film and your dedication to pursuing a career in filmmaking. They should be the same individuals writing your letters of recommendation.

|    | <b>Name</b> | <b>Title/Position</b> | <b>Address</b> | <b>Phone</b> |
|----|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. | _____       | _____                 | _____          | _____        |
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| 2. | _____       | _____                 | _____          | _____        |
|    | _____       | _____                 | _____          | _____        |

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### **Section 2**

Attach a 250-word Statement of Purpose describing your goals and your commitment to achieving them.

### **Section 3**

Attach a 250-word Statement of Financial Needs describing in detail your financial need. Explain specifically how you intend to use the scholarship funds.

### **Section 4**

Attach a 500-word Statement describing a prior film-related project that you contributed to. Explain your area of responsibility and how you contributed to the success of that project.

### **Section 5**

Attach two (2) letters of recommendation from two separate individuals. Complete and forward the attached form: "Request for Letter of Recommendation" to the individuals who will be writing your recommendation letters. An "Optional Applicant Assessment Form" has also been provided and can be used in place of a "Letter of Recommendation".

### **Section 6**

Attach a copy of all transcripts for prior college-level work. Hold on to your original copies as Award Winner(s) may be required to show them before accepting their award.

### **Section 7**

Attach a copy of current California Drivers license or other government-issued photo identification that also shows your current address. Also include official proof of current registration at a Community College or University.

### **Section 8**

Read the statement below, sign and date this form, and return the completed application packet to the address listed on the first page of this Application Form.

**I, the undersigned, verify that I am the sole author of this application and that all statements herein are true and factual to the best of my knowledge. I have read the criteria for the Monterey County Film Commission Scholarships and Awards and I believe that I am eligible.**

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**Signature of Applicant**

**Date**

Briefly tell us how you heard about this Scholarship Program.

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## Request for Letter of Recommendation

Name of Applicant:

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The person above is applying for a scholarship from the Monterey County Film Commission. Your assessment of the applicant's achievement, reliability, and promise will assist the Scholarships and Awards Committee with its decision. Please give a brief, frank statement of your appraisal of the applicant, including specific examples.

**Your cooperation is appreciated.** The applicant's file will not be complete without your letter of recommendation. Please return your completed letter along with this Request Form to the applicant for inclusion in their application packet.

**The deadline for application packets is February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

**Please return your Letter of Recommendation to me by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How long have you known the applicant?** \_\_\_\_\_

**In what capacity have you known the applicant?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of Business** \_\_\_\_\_ **Job Title** \_\_\_\_\_

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Scholarships and Awards Application

**Request for Letter of Recommendation Addendum**

**Optional Applicant Assessment Form**

Name of Applicant:

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**THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION PACKETS IS: FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

**Please return your Optional Applicant Assessment form to Applicant by: \_\_\_\_\_**

The person above is applying for a scholarship from the Monterey County Film Commission. Your assessment of the applicant's achievement, reliability, and promise will assist the Scholarships and Awards Committee with its decision. Please give a brief, frank statement of your appraisal of the applicant, including specific examples.

**Please include additional comments on a separate sheet of paper if needed.**

**Your cooperation is appreciated.** The applicant's file will not be complete without your Letter of Recommendation or the Optional Applicant Assessment form. Please complete and return form or Letter of Recommendation to the applicant for inclusion in His/Her application packet.

**Each question is worth up to 4 points. The highest total score is 20.**

1. Student exhibits cooperation and team skills when working on projects with others \_\_\_\_\_
2. Student shows imagination, creativity and vision \_\_\_\_\_
3. Student is reliable, on time, and consistent in producing quality work \_\_\_\_\_
4. Student is proficient in the technical aspects of filmmaking \_\_\_\_\_
5. Student shows the personal drive, commitment and sense of achievement it takes to succeed in filmmaking. \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL POINTS: \_\_\_\_\_**

**How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_**

**In what capacity have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**

**Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_**

**Place of Business \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title \_\_\_\_\_**