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## **Monterey County Film Student \$1,000 Scholarship & Awards Program Now Open for Monterey County Applicants**

The deadline for film students to apply for the third annual Monterey County Film Commission Film Student Scholarship & Awards Program is April 30, 2010.

The winner of the \$1,000 award (or two \$500 awards) will be announced in May.

Eligibility information and application forms may be downloaded at [www.FilmMonterey.org](http://www.FilmMonterey.org), or contact the film commission office at 831-646-0910 or [info@filmmonterey.org](mailto:info@filmmonterey.org).

The scholarship program was created to provide financial aid and incentive to students of film and beginning filmmakers who reside in Monterey County, or who are currently enrolled in a community college or university in the county. The fund was established as a permanent endowment with the Community Foundation for Monterey County. It is designed to help a film student work towards a career goal, with the funds going directly to the student to be used for Capstone or other film projects.

“Establishing a film student scholarship program was a long-time dream of those on the Monterey County Film Commission board of directors,” said Phyllis Decker, chairperson of the scholarship committee. “Thanks to generous donations from the community, the program continues to help film students follow their creative dreams.”

Last year’s winner was Juan Ramirez, who graduated from Cal State University, Monterey Bay, and was in the Teledramatic Arts and Technology department. His documentary, “Letters From Within,” featured stories of young people in the Salinas juvenile hall.

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