

2026 MCFC's Director Emeritus Richard Tyler Film Student Scholarship Application

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in MCFC's 2026 Director Emeritus Richard Tyler Film Student Scholarship award provided by the Monterey County Film Commission. There is \$2,000 of prize monies available.

All scholarship recipients, past and present, will be recognized as a Monterey County Film Commission Scholar in honor of Director Emeritus Richard Tyler's lasting contribution to our organization. In 2012, the MCFC's Film Student Scholarship Award program was renamed to honor one of our longest-serving Board members, Richard Tyler.

To complete your application and allow us to evaluate your submission, we need the following materials:

- 1) **PERSONAL STATEMENT:** In 3,000 characters (~500 words) or fewer, tell us about yourself. Describe your background and explain what sparked your interest in pursuing a career in film, media, and/or entertainment industries.
- 2) **SHORT FORM ESSAYS:** Please answer the following two questions, limiting each response to 1,500 characters (~250 words) or fewer:
 - a) What are your professional goals and how does your current course of study relate to them?
 - b) Please describe any challenges you have encountered or obstacles you have overcome along your journey.
- 3) **TRANSCRIPT(S):** An unofficial copy of ALL your college-level transcript(s) is acceptable.
- 4) **VIDEO:** Please provide a link to a video showcasing your work. The video may include a composite of news stories, documentaries, films, animation, or other video productions you have created. Maximum length is 15 minutes.

The application form will allow you to upload the relevant supporting documents before completing your submission. We strongly encourage you to have all necessary materials ready before you begin the application process. **This application requires completion in one sitting.**

Thank you again for your interest, and good luck with your application!

Sincerely,
Garland Thompson Jr.
Board President and Chair, Scholarship Committee
Monterey County Film Commission