

Call for ICG Scholarship Applications

The International Cinematographers Guild Scholarship Fund is offering ten \$4,000.00 educational grants for members, and children, step-children, grandchildren, step-grandchildren, and dependents of members where legal guardianship applies (collectively referred to as “Children”) of International Cinematographers Guild members in good standing, or Children of deceased members (whose passing was within one year of November 1, 2015). To be eligible, applicants must be attending full time post-secondary education for the entire 2016-2017 academic year. One of these scholarships may be awarded, if merited, to a student studying filmmaking or industry related study. Funding is available for college, university, graduate school, junior college, conservatory, or any other post-high school technical school in the United States.

High school seniors, college, or graduate school students may apply. You may re-apply if you have applied for a scholarship in the past, even if you've won a scholarship previously. The study of cinematography or photography is not a pre-requisite for this grant. Grants are available for any course of study and is based on your total application.

In keeping with the spirit and diversity of our membership, these grants are awarded based on your commitment to your academic, extra-curricular activities and individual interests. Your personal experiences, talents, and views are as important to the Scholarship Committee in our decision making process as your grades and documented accomplishments. Your application is evaluated based on all these criteria. However, there is no guarantee of funding, and as these are one-year scholarships only, there is no guarantee of continued funding year to year.

Our application includes a section on your academic achievement, extra-curricular activities or employment and **two essays** designed for you to speak out about yourself. Please fill out the application completely. We also require your **official transcripts** and **at least one recommendation**, sent under separate envelope from the person who wrote it, with their signature. We will not consider your application without all of these elements. Like most college applications, essays and recommendations weigh heavily in our evaluation process. We also encourage you to send us supporting materials that demonstrate your talents. We have found that a complete application including thoughtful and insightful essays, all official transcripts, three recommendations, and supporting materials have made the most positive impact on our selection process.

We hope you apply for this unique grant opportunity. We look forward to learning about you and your focus in life, no matter how unconventional it might be, through your application. Please remember that you must postmark the application by no later than **March 1, 2016**.

Please mail to:

**ICG, Local 600 IATSE
ATTN: Scholarship
7755 Sunset Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90046**

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Chairman
International Cinematographers Guild Scholarship Committee

If you will be graduating high school this year, OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS must be submitted from ALL high schools you attended.

If you are currently an undergraduate or graduate student, you must submit OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS from ALL institutions of higher learning you attended. We also *highly recommend* that you submit your official high school transcripts in addition to your college transcripts, especially if you have attended college for less than two years. Please consider that an improvement in grades from high school to college could work in your favor.

If you hope to return to higher learning after an absence in study, we require official transcripts from your most recent school, *and* would recommend you submit your high school transcripts as well.

Only official transcripts will be considered in your application.

Please list the schools from which you will be requesting transcripts:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Extra-curricular Information

List all activities, sports, or organizations in which you have participated. Please indicate the extent of your involvement, offices held, accomplishments and honors.

Organization	Hours per Week /Week per Year	Involvement

Please list any other hobbies or interests outside of school in which you participate that you would like to make known to the scholarship committee.

Hobby or Interest	Hours per Week/Week per Year	Involvement

Please list your employment history. Be sure to include dates of employment as well as hourly commitment per week.

Employer _____ Type of Employment _____ From/To _____ Hrs. per week ____

Personal Essay Section

The following two personal essays provide you with the opportunity to describe the uniqueness of your character and experiences. The essays must be the original work of the applicant. Please limit your answers to two typed pages of text, double-spaced.

Essay #1 - Please tell us what you care about. What is your passion? How, if at all, do these things relate to your academic, extra-curricular, employment or personal life?

Essay #2 (Optional) - If you have anything that you would like to bring to the attention of the scholarship committee for them to consider in reviewing your application, including financial need or special circumstances, please tell us about it here.

Recommendations

This application requires at least one recommendation. We *strongly suggest* you have up to **THREE** recommendations submitted on your behalf, however you may have as few as one. Individuals (non-family members only) who can provide insightful comments on your character should write your letter of recommendation. Recommendations must include a signature from the person writing the recommendation and are best sent separate from your application and directly from the person who wrote the recommendation. Please be advised that the Scholarship Committee will not accept E-mail recommendations.

Who will be sending recommendations on your behalf?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Supporting Material (Optional)

We would be happy to review any supporting materials that you would like to send us that may demonstrate your talents. Formats accepted are audio CD, DVD, slides or 8 1/2"x11" written or visual materials.

Self-addressed, postage paid envelope must accompany all supporting materials. Anything submitted without proper return postage will not be returned and shall become the property of the International Cinematographers Guild.

By your signature, you have read and agree to the following conditions:

All information included in this application for the International Cinematographers Guild Scholarship Grant is true and correct. You also release the Committee to investigate the information provided, confirm information with schools and organizations and to circulate this application amongst the Scholarship Committee and its staff.

You acknowledge that the International Cinematographers Guild Scholarship Grant offers no guarantee of funding, nor guarantee of continued funding. Grants are made on a year-by-year basis only. Applicants must re-apply each year for the Grant. If any given information is determined to be untruthful or incorrect, the Scholarship Committee reserves the exclusive right to cancel the application or Grant at any time and the applicant agrees to repay any of the Grant awarded.

The Scholarship Grant is for the school year 2016-2017. The Scholarship Grant is for the exclusive purpose of defraying higher education tuition. Applicants awarded a Grant are eligible to defer payment of that Grant for one year in the event the applicant does not attend a post-secondary school for the school year that the Grant was awarded.

For consideration, return this application **in its entirety, including transcripts and recommendations**, postmarked no later than **March 1, 2016**.

The International Cinematographers Guild Scholarship Committee does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____