

Chi-Town Multicultural Film Festival Emerging Filmmaker Scholarship

Chi-Town Multicultural Film Festival (CMFF) is pleased to announce that it will be providing a \$250 cash scholarship to an Emerging Filmmaker as part of the *2017 Chi-Town Multicultural Film Festival*. As part of our mission to support the artistic creativity of local filmmakers, CMFF will be offering this award in addition to, but separate from, any other awards offered by Chi-Town Multicultural Film Festival.

Eligibility:

This award is available to amateur student filmmakers enrolled in the 2016-2017 academic year in high school [seniors only] or higher education programs located in the Chicago Metro Area who show a high level of creativity and imagination. To be considered, the student filmmaker's film must be in the stages of final production, post-production or completion. The scholarship applicant must be the Team Leader and/or Director of the film, and must be enrolled in at least twelve credits or the full time equivalent, for the semester. In order to be eligible for a CMFF Scholarship, applicants must have legal status to live and work in the United States.

Please check off each requirement and confirm you are submitting a COMPLETE application by June, 30, 2017. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- [1] Signed agreement to attend the 2017 CMFF Summer Filmmakers 'Behind the Scenes' workshop.
- [2] The film must meet all of the requirements for admission into the Chi-Town Multicultural Film Festival. Please visit www.cmfilmfestival.org/for-filmmakers for more details.
- [3] Enrollment verification from your high school [seniors only] or university. This must include grades from the previous school year, as well as classes currently enrolled in.
- [4] Personal statement typed in Times New Roman, 12 point font, and double-spaced on 8.5" x 11" white paper, 100 words minimum or 300 words maximum, not to exceed three pages. Personal statement with a brief personal history, description of any extenuating circumstances or obstacles you have faced in your life and the outcome, an explanation of your career goals and educational plans and why you are applying for this scholarship and how you will use the funds.
- [5] One (1) photograph (This may be any photo of you, current headshot only, for the scholarship committee)
- [6] *Two (2) signed letters of recommendation from an instructor, community leader, religious leader, coach or other non-relative (include return addresses) must be attached to this application

Instructions for Application - Academic Year 2017

1. The deadline for 2016-2017 scholarship application: June 30, 2017. All applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2017.
2. Only completed applications will be considered. Do Not Leave Items Blank.
3. Attach a current unofficial copy of your high school and/or college transcripts.

Consideration for this scholarship award is based on the above criteria listed under 'Eligibility'. This scholarship will be awarded towards one semester and the recipient must maintain the criteria identified within the guidelines.

Note: Only one scholarship will be awarded per film project. Scholarship awards will be sent directly to the academic institution listed on the application for disbursement to the student. A recipient may receive this award once and it must be utilized for the designated high school [seniors only] or college year.

(Must be post marked by June 30, 2017)

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CMFF Scholarship Committee reserves the right to request additional information from applicants in order to complete or satisfy IRS requirements and the right to rescind an award if the recipient is found ineligible after the award is granted and has not been disbursed.