

# **BFF STUDENT GRANT GUIDELINES**

The Berkeley FILM Foundation (BFF) is pleased to announce the 2018 film and video grant program. Once you have read through the grant guidelines and find you are a qualified candidate, we invite you to submit an application.

The mission of the BFF is to nurture, sustain and preserve the thriving local film community and provides grants for social, historical and innovative documentary, animation and dramatic work(s).

The BFF is seeking to encourage the next generation of filmmakers. We are pleased to sponsor a funding opportunity for student filmmakers currently enrolled in a full time film program. Individual grants will help underwrite production, post-production or distribution expenses. In addition to the online application, the applicant must submit a clip or trailer (up to 10 minute clip), of the work for which the grant is sought. Prior work is not required.

## **Grant Description**

The BFF will support independent student filmmakers whose work combines intellectual clarity with creative use of the medium.

## **2018 Student Funding Guidelines**

Berkeley FILM Foundation will award grants in the production, post-production and distribution stages. Applicants may submit

one project for consideration per funding cycle, with a maximum request of \$5,000.00.

**Eligibility:**

- Applicant must be over the age of 18.
- Students must live in the cities of Berkeley, Emeryville, Albany, El Cerrito, Richmond or Oakland. No P.O. Boxes accepted for address.
- Must be currently enrolled in a full time film studies program in the following counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco and Marin.
- Be the primary creator of work submitted.
- BFF will not consider a new film proposal from a former grant recipient until the prior funded film is completed.

**Eligible Genre:**

- Short Form Animation (30 minutes or less)
- Short Form Narratives (30 minutes or less)
- Short Documentary (40 minutes or less)
- Long Documentary (over 40 minutes)

**Not Eligible:**

- Broadcast news journalism
- Broadcast reality entertainment

- Advertising Commercials
- Industrial or Corporate Media

### **What We Do Not Fund**

- We do not cover costs retroactively.
- Media projects other than film or video.
- Organizational projects for internal or promotional use.
- General operating expenses of companies or organizations.

### **TO APPLY FOR A BERKELEY FILM FOUNDATION GRANT**

Applicants will be required to submit the following items:

**Grant Applications:** Only the online application will be accepted, do not submit hand written applications. (Application, resume and budget **MUST** be in PDF Format)

**Current Resume:** You may attach a current resume of activities and achievements (maximum 1 page) with the application. Other key personnel on the project may be listed on the resume.

**Budget:** Please attach your project budget for consideration. If applying for a distribution grant, please provide a detailed distribution budget and the total production cost.

## **Work Samples:**

- **Animation, Narratives, Short & Long Form Documentaries:** Provide a **up to 10 minute clip** as a VIMEO LINK of the project for which you are applying. Prior work samples are not accepted. If a password is needed, use: BFF.
- \*For Animation or Narratives-provide a PDF storyboard and up to 20 pages of script as a PDF\*

## **Application Review**

Student Grants will be approved by the Berkeley FILM Foundation Board of Directors acting upon the recommendations of the Grant Review Panel. The Grant Review Panel is comprised of six industry media professionals distinguished in their respective artistic fields.

## **Application review procedures are as follows:**

- Official applications and support documents must be received VIA EMAIL:

[appberkeleyfilmfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:appberkeleyfilmfoundation@gmail.com) on or before 12:00 Noon, Friday, May 11, 2018.

- Resumes, project description and accompanying materials are forwarded to members of panel for review.
- Panel convenes and makes award recommendations.
- Panel recommendations reviewed and approved by BFF Board of Directors.
- Applicants notified of award decisions in July/Aug 2018.
- Grants are awarded on a competitive basis.

**Note:** The Berkeley FILM Foundation anticipates receiving more deserving applications than can be funded. Not being funded does not necessarily reflect unfavorably on the worthiness of an application, nor does it preclude future applications. All student films awarded grants will be required to be present for at least one community screening event following completion, taking into consideration signed distribution contracts.

Only the official online application will be accepted. It will not be considered complete until accompanying documents are received at [appberkeleyfilmfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:appberkeleyfilmfoundation@gmail.com) on or before 12:00 Noon, on Friday, May 11, 2018. No exceptions.