



Patti Gribow Student Scholarship Application

About PSWIFT

Palm Springs Women in Film & Television (PSWIFT) is a nonprofit organization, founded in 2001, dedicated to empowering, promoting and nurturing its members – both women and men – involved in the entertainment, communication, and media industries. PSWIFT is also focused on educating, inspiring and bringing in more production work to the Coachella Valley.

PSWIFT has been serving the Coachella Valley for more than two decades with networking and growth opportunities for those in our community who seek involvement and/or who work in entertainment, film, television, communication, and new media industries.

Scholarship Background

The Palm Springs Women in Film and Television Patti Gribow Student Scholarship was created to provide financing to a high school student in the field of filmmaking or a closely related field such as theater/drama, writing or entertainment. Only high school students are eligible to apply. The student is required to be enrolled in a high school in the Coachella Valley and be in their senior year. Other areas of consideration are talent, academic excellence, and financial need. All applicants must submit a completed application, a work sample that showcases writing ability and/or talents related to the focus of this scholarship, and a transcript (student copy will suffice).

The PSWIFT Scholarship Awards Selection Committee will consist of seven (7) members: Four (4) PSWIFT board members including the Scholarship Committee Chair and three (3) from PSWIFT's Filmmakers Lab. The selection committee, as well as family members of the aforementioned, shall be ineligible for the scholarship award.

All completed applications **must be received via email by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 22, 2024**, OR postmarked by that date if sent via U.S. Mail (PSWIFT, 775 E Palm Canyon Drive, Suite 110-42, Palm Springs, CA 92264). No application will be accepted after this deadline. Email submissions should

be sent to office@PSWIFT.org, and is the preferred method of receiving applications. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Questions about this scholarship/application can be directed to office@PSWIFT.org.

The recipient(s) of the award will be announced and notified no later than April 12, 2024.

Recipient(s) will receive a letter of instructions on how to claim their scholarship and will have (6) months after notification, to complete the claim process. If the scholarship award is not claimed within the six (6) month period, the award will be forfeited, and the funds will be returned to the PSWIFT Scholarship Fund. An event acknowledging scholarship winners shall be held on May 1, 2024, at the Mary Pickford Theatre in Cathedral City.

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This Scholarship will be awarded to:

- A senior student enrolled in a Coachella Valley high school seeking post-secondary education in the field of filmmaking or a closely related field such as theater/drama, writing or entertainment (*only high school students are eligible to apply*)
- A high school senior who demonstrates excellence in talent, academics, and financial need
- A student who has submitted a completed application by the deadline of March 22, 2024, along with a work sample and a transcript.

Please print legibly if completing application via handwriting.

1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Mailing Address:	
3.	Daytime Telephone Number:	

	Email address:
4.	Please explain why you are in financial need as you pursue post-secondary education?
5.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year
6.	High school currently attending:
7.	I will be attending the following college in the Fall of 2023 (<i>If unknown at this time, please list top 3 options being considered</i>):

8.	What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?
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9. What specialty/major do you plan to major in as you continue your education?

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Personal Essay Section

Please answer the following questions. You may use separate pages to complete your answer.

What do you envision contributing to the film/television/entertainment/writing industry once you obtain your degree?

What path do plan to take to begin and advance your career in film/television/entertainment/writing?

What has inspired you to want a career in film/television/entertainment/writing, and why do you have passion for this industry?

What have you done to prepare yourself for entering a career in film/television/entertainment/writing?

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____