



# Post-Secondary Filmmakers Scholarship Application

PSWIFT is proud to offer scholarships for students entering post-secondary education programs in fields related to PSWIFT's mission. The application process is open for the following scholarships, through March 22, 2024 (applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. that day by the preferred method of email at [office@pswift.org](mailto:office@pswift.org) or postmarked by March 22, 2024 via U.S. Mail by sending to PSWIFT, 775 E Palm Canyon Drive, Suite 110-42, Palm Springs, CA 92264. To learn more about PSWIFT visit [www.pswift.org](http://www.pswift.org).

## ***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 Post-Secondary Filmmakers Scholarship was created to provide financial aid and incentive to students of film and beginning filmmakers. The goal of the scholarship is to provide, encourage and support educational opportunities relating to film and to residents of the Coachella Valley who are enrolled in a post-secondary educational program related to filmmaking and the film industry. The purpose of the scholarship program is intended to support budding filmmakers and students of film.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

***Each Applicant Must Fulfill These Criteria:***

- Must be currently enrolled for at least 9 units at a community college, university, or accredited post-secondary film school in the Coachella Valley. Application must include official proof of current registration from the Registrar.
- Be age 18 or older. Applicants must include a photocopy of a government-issued photo identification showing date of birth and current address.
- Have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher. Applicants must include a copy of transcript(s) for all prior college-level work. F
- Write a Statement of Project Purpose (250 words or less) showing strong commitment to specific goals as a filmmaker.
- Write a Statement of Financial Need (250 words or less) documenting financial details (i.e. dollar amounts/estimates for fees, equipment, software, travel, etc.) and explaining specifically how the scholarship money will be used.
- Write a Summary of Prior Film-related Project(s) (500 words or less) on which the applicant worked, explaining the applicant's specific area(s) of responsibility and his/her impact on the project(s) overall. Please submit samples of work for any prior film projects referenced in this section.

Scholarship recipient(s) will be notified by mail. The PSWIFT Scholarship Award Committee reserves the right and sole authority to select students and filmmakers based on their individual merits, financial need, and the consensus of the Committee. The top two or three

finalists may be invited to interview with the Committee to pitch their project and to complete the selection process.

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### This Scholarship will be awarded to:

- A student in a post-secondary school located in the Coachella Valley enrolled in a program related to filmmaking.
- 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, with all requirements fulfilled.

### Section 1

<i>Please print legibly if completing application via handwriting.</i>	
1.	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2.	Mailing Address: _____ _____ _____

3.	Daytime Telephone Number:  Email address:
4.	Please explain why you are in financial need in your post-secondary education?
5.	Date of Birth:            Month                            Day                            Year
6.	College where currently enrolled:  Student ID #: _____ Units completed: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____  Number of units for which you are currently enrolled: _____  If you plan to transfer, which college or university will you attend, and when?
7.	What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?

8. What film projects have you worked on, to date, and what roles did you fulfill on those projects?

9. When is your current projected completion for receiving your degree or completing your post-secondary program in filmmaking?

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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 industry once you complete your education/earn your degree?***

***What path do plan to take to begin and advance your career in the film industry?***

***Explain an instance when you were involved in a filmmaking project that you learned something which has been pivotal in your journey to become part of the filmmaking industry?***

**Section 2** Attach a 250-word (or less) Statement of Project Purpose specifically describing your goals and your commitment to achieving them.

**Section 3** Attach a 250-word (or less) Statement of Financial Need describing in detail your financial need. Explain specifically how you intend to use the scholarship funds and how it relates specifically to the Project Purpose. Provide dollars amounts/estimates for equipment, fees, travel, etc.

**Section 4** Attach a Summary of Prior Film-related Project(s) (500 words or less) describing your involvement. Explain your specific area(s) of responsibility, how you contributed to the success of the project(s), and if applicable, how that experience relates to and/or inspires your proposed Project Purpose (send a copy of the project for viewing, if possible).

**Section 5** Attach a copy of transcripts for ALL prior college-level work (unofficial transcripts are acceptable).

**Section 6** Attach a copy of current California Driver's License or other government-issued photo identification that also shows your current address.

**Section 9** Include official proof of current registration at a Community College or University from the Office of the Registrar.

**Section 10** Read the statement below, sign and date this form, and return the completed application packet to the address listed on the first page of this Application Form.

I, the undersigned, verify that I am the sole author of this application and that all statements herein are true and factual to the best of my knowledge.

I have read the criteria for Palm Springs Women in Film Post-secondary Scholarship Award, and I believe that I am eligible.

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Signature of Applicant

Date

Briefly tell us how you heard about this scholarship Program: