



*Foundation For Producers, Writers & Directors*  
*An Alliance of Television & New Media Content Creators*

**Purpose of the Grants:** To assist worthy students in completing their thesis student film, TV or interactive projects. The award will provide completion money after other means of fundraising have been exhausted. This program is intended to combat the lack of diversity in content and creative people in our industry.

**Rationale for the Grants:** The Caucus recognizes its responsibility to take action to promote diversity behind the camera in our industry. We look to the accredited film and television programs at our universities and colleges as the source of the talented writers, directors and producers of the future. While scholarships are becoming more and more plentiful, support for students in completing their portfolio project is scarce. These projects serve as a calling card for entry in the industry. Further, the selection and identification process will, of itself, validate and recognize young talent and provide a source of mentors as they make the transition from student to industry professional.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be registered in an accredited undergraduate or graduate degree program that requires the student to complete a film, television or interactive project for their degree.

**Criteria for selection for an Award:**

1. Demonstrated financial need. Students from disadvantaged backgrounds will be given extra consideration.
2. The creative strength of the project as determined by the selection committee.
3. The completeness and feasibility of the production plan.
4. The completeness and reliability of the financing plan. Additional weight will be given to students who have demonstrated diligence in fundraising from other sources including in-kind contributions.

**Amount of Award:** The award can range from \$1000 to a maximum of \$10,000 based on the completion needs of the individual project. However, no one grant can amount to more than 40% of the amount awarded at that session.

**Timing of Awards:** Awards will be made twice a year in June and December.