



### **Letter to Film Industry Professional:**

As a film Industry professional, you may know of student of film makers who are seeking that first opportunity to be screened in front of their peers and the public. We are making this an attainable goal for film students in California and our bordering states.

The Grand Foundation, supporting the Grand Theater Center for the Arts in Tracy, California, will be introducing its premier Student Film Festival near the end of the 2016 -17 academic calendar, on April 7 and 8, 2017. Now in early stages of development, this Student Film Festival will be for students of Universities, Community Colleges and Film/Art Schools within California and three bordering States. In addition, the Student Film Festival will include a division for High School Film Students. The purpose of the film festival is to encourage young filmmakers and provide an attainable platform for them to have their film works screened, juried and awarded.

Film submissions from both divisions will be screened and juried by impartial experts in Digital/Film media. There will be one First Place Overall Student Film Festival winner chosen from each of the two divisions. The First Place Overall Student Film Festival winners will be awarded a \$1000 Scholarship. The Second Place Overall Student Film Festival winners will be awarded a \$750 scholarship. The Third Place overall Student Film Festival winners will be awarded a \$500 scholarship. If graduating from college, winners will receive monetary prizes in lieu of scholarships. Additionally, in each Division, there will be an honorable mention winner for each of the film genres. Honorable Mention winners will be awarded ribbons and bragging rights.

We invite you to become a founding sponsor for our Student Film Festival. By doing so, you will play a huge role in giving fledgling film students the confidence only achieved after having their film work chosen for screening to a broader audience. (Follow link below to sponsorship levels) In addition to sponsors, we are seeking an esteemed film professional to present a film talk to inspire student film makers to continue their path in the art of film making. We would appreciate your willingness to consider being our featured speaker or recommending someone from your organization. We are also looking for film professionals to serve as jurors for the individual film genres featured in our student film festival: Indie, Experimental, Animation, Documentary, Political/Cause and others. We welcome the opportunity to have you or an associate serve as a juror. Jurors may screen films at their preferred location.

Thank you so much for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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