

## Vancouver Film School 2007-2008 BC High School Scholarship Competition Application Kit

Vancouver Film School has been training students for their dream careers in the entertainment industry for 20 years. Graduates from our one-year production programs have gone on to win Oscars and Emmys and have become creative professionals with the best companies in the world.

We're awarding scholarships to the most passionate aspiring artists coming out of BC high schools. Apply now for your chance at one of three scholarships worth \$5,000, \$10,000, and a Full Scholarship valued at up to \$35,000. This package contains everything you need to complete an application to obtain a scholarship. **Please read the instructions carefully, as incomplete applications will not be processed.**

### **RULES & REGULATIONS**

- Scholarships will be awarded based on demonstrable talent, passion, and work ethic as determined by the BC High School Scholarship Committee. Recipients must meet all admissions requirements.
- Scholarships can be used for any start date in any full-time program that starts between June 2008 and January 2009, provided there is space available in the program.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply as early as possible to ensure space availability (many programs are completely full months in advance). VFS may, on reviewing applications, grant scholarships to students who have already been accepted.
- VFS's BC High School Scholarship Committee consists of representatives from VFS. All applicants will be notified regarding the success of their application. The decision of the committee is final.
- The program chosen for the scholarship will be based on the assessment of the BC High School Scholarship Committee and will be best aligned to the student's current skill set and artistic development. The decision of the committee is final.
- Each scholarship recipient is responsible for all additional costs necessary to complete the program of study (i.e. housing, transportation, food, and incidentals for the 1st place winner, and all of the preceding in addition to the balance of tuition not covered by the scholarship for the 2nd and 3rd place winners).
- If winners do not have a sound financial plan to cover living expenses and any outstanding tuition amount, or cannot commit to attending VFS for any other reason upon notification, another scholarship winner will be chosen.
- Any recipients of previous scholarships or bursaries are not eligible for the BC High School Scholarship.
- Employees and contractors of Vancouver Film School, scholarship media partners, members of the VFS Scholarship selection committee and their spouses or immediate family members, are not eligible to apply for scholarships.

**NOTE:** To be eligible for a scholarship, all applicants must submit the following:

- 1.0 A completed VFS Scholarship Application form.
- 2.0 A sound financial plan to study full time through the duration of your program.
- 3.0 Proof that you are at least 19 years of age or have graduated high school (Photo ID), or will graduate from high school prior to starting VFS.
- 4.0 Two recommendation letters, or names and contacts of references, preferably from an instructor or academic advisor.
- 5.0 Transcripts from any secondary or post-secondary institutions attended in the last 5 years.
- 6.0 A Short Questionnaire detailing your interests, goals, experiences, and inspirations.
- 7.0 Program Requirements (*see page 4-5*).
- 8.0 English language requirements (*see page 6*).

For questions or to speak to an Admissions Advisor, please call our Inquiries Department at **604.685.5808** or toll free in Canada or the U.S. at **1.800.661.4101**.

### **APPLICATIONS**

must be complete and submitted in a single sealed envelope, and addressed as follows. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

#### **Benjamin Colling, Director of Admissions**

Re: 2008 BC High School Scholarship Application  
2nd Floor, 198 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 1H2

Applications can also be submitted through your Admissions Advisor (see above).

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## APPLICATION FORM

### Personal Information

<input type="radio"/> Mr <input type="radio"/> Miss <input type="radio"/> Mrs <input type="radio"/> Ms		family name	given name(s)			
preferred first name		date of birth	month	day	year	
permanent address						
city		province/state	country	postal code/zip code		
mailing address (if different from permanent address)						
telephone (home) [       ]		telephone (alternate) [       ]		email address		
emergency contact				relationship		
address						
city		province	country	postal code		
telephone (home) [       ]		telephone (alternate) [       ]		email address		
Have you contacted an admissions advisor? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		How did you hear about VFS?		Canadian citizen or landed immigrant? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No (proof of status required)		
What was your main activity during the past year? <input type="radio"/> high school student <input type="radio"/> college/university student		<input type="radio"/> art/trade school student <input type="radio"/> full/part time employment		<input type="radio"/> travel <input type="radio"/> other		
Do you anticipate applying for a student loan? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No						

### Education, training and experience (or submit résumé)

Last secondary institution attended or currently attending			
name of school	location	diploma obtained	dates of attendance

  

Post-secondary institutions attended or currently attending (most recent first)			
institution	location	degree/certificate/diploma obtained	dates of attendance

### Admissions policy

VFS selects candidates suited for intensive training provided at an accelerated pace. The talent, creativity, and commitment demonstrated in the contents of the application package, coupled with the candidate's potential to succeed in the program, determine acceptance. Work experience and/or education in the area of study are recommended, but not required. Basic computer skills are required for the Digital Design, Game Design, Film Production, Sound Design, and 3D Animation programs.

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### **FINANCIAL PLAN**

Describe your financial plan to study full time through the duration of your program.

### **QUESTIONNAIRE**

Describe any previous experience.

Describe your other creative interests.

Describe your short and long term professional goals.

Describe who inspires you and influences you in this industry.

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## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

### 3D ANIMATION & VISUAL EFFECTS

Successful completion of the VFS Foundation Visual Art & Design program

**OR**

A visual art portfolio of your work that includes life drawings and 3D computer work (maximum 12 pieces). If you do not have 3D work, a combination of other computer work may be acceptable (e.g. Photoshop, Flash, Illustrator, etc.).

### CLASSICAL ANIMATION

Successful completion of the VFS Foundation Visual Art & Design program

**OR**

A visual art portfolio of your work that includes still-life drawings, life drawings, and character sketches (maximum 12 pieces).

### DIGITAL CHARACTER ANIMATION

Successful completion of the VFS Foundation Visual Art & Design program

**OR**

Successful completion of VFS's Classical Animation program

**OR**

A visual art portfolio of your work that includes life drawings and 3D computer work (maximum 12 pieces).

### HOUDINI™ CERTIFICATION

Successful completion of the VFS 3D Animation & Visual Effects Program

**OR**

Successful completion of VFS's Digital Character Animation Program

**OR**

A demo reel of your own animation work highlighting your 3D animation skills.

### ACTING FOR FILM & TELEVISION

Successful completion of VFS Acting Essentials and an invitation from the Acting Faculty

**OR**

Demonstrated post-secondary acting experience and a videotaped audition that meets Department standards:

Audition tapes must be submitted on one VHS videotape or DVD (NTSC) labeled with applicant's name, address, phone number, program name and requested start dates. Please note that audition tapes cannot be returned.

### Content

The tape must be maximum six minutes in length and must be in the following format:

1. State your name on camera.
2. Maximum one minute demonstration of a contemporary monologue.
3. Maximum one minute demonstration of a short contemporary scene (applicant should be on camera and the reader off camera).
4. If desired, a maximum one minute demo of a special skill (e.g. singing, dance, physical action, etc.).
5. Maximum two minute video tape interview providing answers to the following questions: Why did you choose your audition pieces? How long have you wanted to act? Who inspired you to want to pursue an acting career? What are your strengths & weaknesses as an actor? If you can't be an actor, what would you choose to be?

### Note

All components of the audition must be on one VHS videotape or DVD (NTSC). No additional media or recorded material will be considered.

### DIGITAL DESIGN

Successful completion of the VFS Foundation Visual Art & Design program or an equivalent post-secondary fine arts education

**OR**

A portfolio of art, audio, video, or interactive work (maximum 12 pieces). It is recommended that the portfolio highlights various components of digital media.

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### ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Successful completion of the VFS Foundation Visual Art & Design program

**OR**

Write a one-page letter of intent persuading the faculty that you are adequately prepared to take the Entertainment Business Management program. Outline why you feel you can be successful in the Entertainment and Arts industry and elaborate on the area you hope to find employment in.

### FILM PRODUCTION

Successful completion of the VFS Foundation Visual Art & Design program

**OR**

A one-page (maximum) synopsis of a film project that you are passionate about making. Provide the film genre and use references to other movies to explain how you would make the film. Explain the concept, vision or idea. In addition, provide a one-page (maximum) outline of the story. If you have made a film before, include a VHS or DVD copy (to a maximum of 2 films).

### GAME DESIGN

Successful completion of the VFS Foundation Visual Art & Design program

**OR**

A one-page (maximum) synopsis of a game that you are passionate about creating. Explain the concept, vision or idea. Include the genre of game you would create and make references to other games to explain how you would make your game. In addition, provide a one-page (maximum) outline of the story.

### MAKEUP DESIGN FOR FILM & TELEVISION

All applicants are required to submit a maximum 500 word letter of intent. Previous makeup experience is helpful, but not a prerequisite. Be encouraged to communicate what you feel best conveys your background, your potential, and why you have a profound desire to attend VFS.

**AND**

A portfolio that consists of sketches and/or photographs that best illustrate your artistic vision in makeup design (maximum 12 pieces). This can be in the form of a CD, DVD, colour photocopies, sketches, or photographs.

### SOUND DESIGN FOR VISUAL MEDIA

Successful completion of the VFS Foundation Visual Art & Design program

**OR**

A maximum 500 word letter of intent on why you wish to take the Sound Design program. This should detail your passion for sound, and why you feel you would be successful in the industry. Any previous experience in music or sound recording, sound mixing, etc., should be detailed. Outline why you feel you can be successful in the sound area of Entertainment Arts. A CD audio portfolio of your work, which may include original music, mixing, or sound design is encouraged, but not required (maximum 5 minutes).

### WRITING FOR FILM, TELEVISION & INTERACTIVE MEDIA

A 1-page (maximum) synopsis of a feature film or television project that you are passionate about making. Provide the film genre and utilize references to other movies to explain how you would make the film. Explain the concept, vision or idea. In addition, provide a minimum of two and maximum of four other creative writing samples in their original form (no more than 20 total pages should be submitted).

### FOUNDATION VISUAL ART & DESIGN

No program-specific entrance requirements. The Foundation program is ideal for those needing to develop a portfolio required to enter one of VFS's professional programs or for those that enjoy more than one entertainment arts discipline and are unsure of what they wish to pursue as a career.

### ACTING ESSENTIALS

No program-specific entrance requirements. Acting Essentials is ideal for those who feel a need to expand their foundation as an actor and for those without a portfolio sufficient to gain entrance into VFS's one-year professional Acting program.

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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

All students are required to speak and write English at an acceptable level. If English is your second language, you may be required to obtain a minimum recognized test score for acceptance from one of the following exams:

- TOEFL score of 520 (190 Computer Based Test)
- TOEIC score of 700
- IELTS Band 5.5
- LPI Level 4
- Cambridge Advanced English
- Completion of VCC's 059 College Preparatory English or VCC's English Language Assessment (currently offline) score of 127

If English is your second language but you speak and write it well, you may not need to take a test. Our Admissions Advisors can give you a free English assessment over the phone to determine if you need to write one of the exams listed above.

## PROGRAM START DATES

Please indicate the program & start date of your choice with an  or

	JUN 08	AUG 08	SEP 08	OCT 08	JAN 09
3D Animation & Visual Effects	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Classical Animation			<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Digital Character Animation	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>
Houdini™ Certification		<input type="checkbox"/>			
Acting for Film & TV			<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Digital Design			<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Entertainment Business Management		<input type="checkbox"/>			
Film Production	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Game Design	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Makeup Design for Film & TV					<input type="checkbox"/>
Sound Design for Visual Media	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Writing for Film & Television		<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
Foundation Visual Art & Design	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acting Essentials			<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

## SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Have you:

- Completed and signed the VFS Scholarship Application form?
- Described your financial plan to study full time through the duration of your program?
- Included proof that you are at least 19 years of age or have graduated high school, or will graduate by your VFS starting date (copy of photo ID: Driver's license or Passport)?
- Included two recommendation letters, or names and contacts of references, preferably from instructors or academic advisors?
- Included transcripts from any secondary institutions attended in the last 5 years?
- Completed the Questionnaire detailing your interests, goals, experiences, and inspirations?
- Included your Program Requirements?

**DO NOT INCLUDE ORIGINALS – THEY WILL NOT BE RETURNED.  
YOU MAY SUPPLY YOUR WORK ON CD OR DVD.**

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### THE FINE PRINT

Vancouver Film School reserves the right to cancel this competition at any time, at its sole discretion, in the event of any administrative conflict or error. Vancouver Film School reserves the right to modify the rules of this contest in any way or at any time as long as reasonable notice is given. This competition is void where prohibited by law and is subject to all applicable Federal, Provincial, State and local laws and regulations.

Acceptance of a scholarship allows Vancouver Film School to use your name, photograph or likeness and testimonials in print, broadcast or online media in perpetuity, in any manner in which VFS may deem appropriate in connection with promoting this competition or any other competition or promotion sponsored by VFS, without further compensation.

By participating in this competition, you agree that Vancouver Film School, members of the Selection Committee and those involved in the development, production, implementation and distribution of this competition and their respective parent companies, affiliates, subsidiaries, service providers, and agencies and their directors, officers, agents, employees, attorneys, and any other person or entity associated with such entities and/or this competition (hereafter collectively called the "Sponsors") are not liable for any claims, damages, losses or injuries, including third party claims, arising from or relating to, in whole or in part, this competition, including your entry and participation in this competition, the submission of your application package, the evaluation of your application package, acceptance, use or misuse of the scholarship or any injury to you or any other person's computer related to or resulting from downloading or receiving via return e-mail any part of this competition information.

You further agree that you will not hold Vancouver Film School, their affiliates, subsidiaries, directors, officers, agents, employees, attorneys, and any other person or entity associated with Vancouver Film School liable for any claims, losses, damages or injuries, arising from or relating to their use of your name or address for mailing and any other promotional materials.

**Thank you for taking the time and effort to apply to VFS. The amount of effort demonstrated in submitting this application tells us that you are dedicated. We wish you the best of luck in pursuing a BC High School Scholarship!**

**A member of the Admissions team will be in touch with you shortly to notify you of the success of your application.**

Please sign below indicating that all information that you have written herein is true and that you have read, understand, and will adhere to the Rules & Regulations, and other conditions noted herein:

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Applicant's Signature

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Date