

CSSSA Film/Video Application—2012

**DEADLINE: February 28, 2012**

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY.**

**1. FILM/VIDEO APPLICATION PORTFOLIO**

(If you wish to apply to more than ONE department, you must print and complete the application for that department and submit in a separate envelope.)

Film/Video Portfolio Format Enclosed (check only one):

( ) DVD

( ) mini-DVD

( ) Flash Drive

( ) Written Proposal—Alternative Assignment

only accepted file types:

**.avi, .mov, .wav, .wmv or .jpg**

**2. STUDENT INFORMATION**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (mailing): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ California County: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (use numbers): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_.

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: ( ) male ( ) female

Grade Level to be completed as of June 2012: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

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**3. PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

Parent/Guardian First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ California County:

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**5. ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION**

To verify your attendance at a California secondary school, please submit either a current transcript of your academic record, or have your teacher or counselor complete the Attendance Verification form (page 11).

**6. RECOMMENDATION INFORMATION**

Please identify two people who will complete the Recommendation Forms on your behalf. These people should be schoolteachers, private instructors, or arts professionals in your chosen subject area. Recommendations may be submitted on school stationery if the recommender prefers that, but they **MUST** be enclosed with this application.

FIRST RECOMMENDATION:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/County: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country (if outside of US): \_\_\_\_\_

**SECOND RECOMMENDATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/County: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country (if outside of US): \_\_\_\_\_

**7. WHERE DID YOU LEARN ABOUT California State Summer School for the Arts?**

Friend  Internet  Poster  Teacher  School Administration

Local Arts Organization  Other (Specify):

\_\_\_\_\_

**8. CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY: WHO ARE YOUR LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES?**

State Senator:

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State Assembly Member:

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To determine your legislative representatives, go on the Internet to  
<<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>>.

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**9. DO YOU REQUIRE ANY SPECIAL SERVICES FOR REASON OF A DISABILITY?**

Physical:

- Legally blind/visually impaired
  - Mobility impairment (including orthopedic)
  - Other impairment (please specify):
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Communication:

- Speech impairment
- Hearing impairment
- Learning disability

Please describe:

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**10. ETHNIC INFORMATION** This question is voluntary. The California State Summer School for the Arts collects this information to conform to new guidelines from the Federal government. This information will not affect any student's application for admission.

Check one:

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African-American
- Hispanic
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**11. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION**

How many years have you studied your primary art form?

- (1) In your school: \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Private study: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe your education plans beyond high school:

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If you attended CSSSA previously, please circle the year(s) and indicate department(s):

2008  2009  2010  2011 Department(s):

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### 12. FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Mail all forms, the assignments for your department, and the application fee by February 28, 2012 to the Department you are applying to at:

California State Summer School for the Arts  
ATTENTION: Film/Video Department  
P.O. Box 1077  
Sacramento, CA 95812-1077

- You MUST write the Department you are applying to on the outside of the envelope.
- A non-refundable \$20 APPLICATION FEE is required:

CHECK or MONEY ORDER made payable to "CSSSA"

VISA  MasterCard

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires Mo. \_\_\_\_ Yr. \_\_\_\_

Three to seven digit number found in signature box on back of card: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact: (916) 229-5160 / (916) 229-5170 (fax) /  
[www.application@csssa.org](mailto:www.application@csssa.org)**

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**Program RECOMMENDATION FORM**  
**DEADLINE: February 28, 2012**

To the Student: **YOU NEED TO PRINT AND SUBMIT TWO OF THESE FORMS!** Two individual adults need to fill out a recommendation form for you. Please make sure that your two recommendations and all other parts of your application, including the Required Assignments, are submitted in the same envelope by February 28, 2012. Your application cannot be completely processed until ALL REQUIRED FORMS AND RECOMMENDATIONS are received. Teachers may submit written recommendations on school stationery, if they prefer.

**1. STUDENT INFORMATION**

Students please fill in the student information portion of this form before providing it to the individual who will be recommending you.

Student First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. RECOMMENDING ADULT:** (Teacher, private instructor or other recommending adult).

Name of recommending individual:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Recommender's Address:

Street Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

City:

\_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address:

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Recommender's Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Subject Taught: \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you known this student and in what capacity:

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Indicate below your evaluation of the applicant:

1. Interest in chosen area:

Below Average  Average  Above Average  Superior

2. Ability in chosen area:

Below Average  Average  Above Average  Superior

3. Character:

Below Average  Average  Above Average  Superior

4. Cooperation:

Below Average  Average  Above Average  Superior

5. Leadership:

Below Average  Average  Above Average  Superior

6. Emotional Maturity:

Below Average  Average  Above Average  Superior

7. Personal Initiative:

Below Average  Average  Above Average  Superior

Additional comments:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date:

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**3. RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO STUDENT** (May be sealed for confidentiality).

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**FINANCIAL AID REQUEST**

Financial aid is restricted to CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS. It is not awarded to students attending for a second summer regardless of department.

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- This form **must be submitted with the application** if you wish to be considered for financial aid. Your chances of acceptance to CSSSA will not be affected by your financial aid application.
- You **MUST** submit a copy of parent/guardian's 2010 or 2011 (whichever is most recently filed) 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ tax forms and supplements with this request.
- **DO NOT FILL OUT THIS FORM OR SUBMIT INCOME TAX RETURNS IF YOU ARE NOT APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID.**
- THIS APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED OR COMPLETED IN BLUE OR BLACK INK PEN, not pencil.

Student Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip:

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian #1 Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian #2 Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

1. Parent(s)/Guardian(s)' current marital status (please check one)

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- ( ) Married. (Report income information for both parents, including step-parent.)
- ( ) Widow/Widower. (Report income information of surviving parent.)
- ( ) Separated/Divorced. (Report income information on parent you lived with during the last twelve months.)

2. State of LEGAL RESIDENCE of parent(s)/guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Total size of HOUSEHOLD during 2009-2010 school year including parents/guardians, all dependent children, and other dependents who live with your parents:  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Parents/Guardians' ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME:

a. Amount earned by Parent/Guardian #1: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Amount earned by Parent/Guardian #2: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Total U.S. INCOME TAX PAID (line 60 from Form 1040; line 11 from Form 1040EZ):

\_\_\_\_\_

6. SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS that the entire family received. Omit educational benefits. (Do not report money included in No. 4 above.) You must provide official supporting documentation.

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7. AFDC welfare benefits received by family. Report total annual amount, not monthly amounts. (Do not report money included in No. 4 above.) You must provide official supporting documentation.

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8. NON-TAXABLE INCOME. Include untaxed unemployment compensation, interest and dividend exclusion, military, or clergy housing allowances, the untaxed portion of capital gains, income from untaxed municipal bonds, child support, non-taxable retirement pay-outs, and non-educational veteran's benefits. (Do not report money included in No. 4 above.)

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9. UNREIMBURSED MEDICAL COSTS. Report medical expenses for the family that were not reimbursed. Use the same rules for calculation that the IRS allows, but

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exclude insurance premiums.

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10. STUDENT'S INCOME. Enter amount earned:

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11. STUDENT'S NON-TAXABLE INCOME. Enter total amount of untaxed income. (Use same definitions as in No. 8.)

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12. STUDENT'S SAVINGS. Enter total of checking and savings accounts.

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13. PARENT'S CASH SAVINGS. Enter total amount of savings and checking accounts.

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14. HOME VALUE. Enter the current market value of your home, condominium, or mobile home.

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15. MORTGAGE DEBT. Enter the amount of principal still owed.

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16. REAL ESTATE AND INVESTMENTS. Enter market value of other real estate, investments, stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, precious metals, etc.

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17. INVESTMENT DEBT. Enter amount owed on investments in No. 16.

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18. BUSINESS OR FARM. Enter the market value of your business or farm. Include inventory.

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19. BUSINESS/FARM DEBT. Enter the amount of debt owed on business or farm.

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Exclude non-family partner's share of debt.

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20. Total number of family members who are full-time college students.

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Mail this form along with your application and materials by February 28, 2012 to:

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**Attention: Film/Video Department**  
**P.O. Box 1077**  
**Sacramento, CA 95812-1077**

**Contact: (916) 229-5160 / (916) 229-5170 (fax) /**  
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**ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION FORM**

**POSTMARK DEADLINE: February 28, 2012, with completed application**

To the Student: YOU NEED TO PRINT AND SUBMIT THIS FORM, or a transcript.

- A teacher or counselor from your high school must fill out this form for you.
- Please make sure that this form and all other parts of the application are submitted without delay. Your application cannot be completely processed until ALL required forms are received by the California State Summer School for the Arts.

ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION: To verify your attendance at a California secondary school, please submit either a current transcript of your academic record, or have your teacher or counselor complete the following certification:

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_

(student) submitting this application is a bona fide student at:

\_\_\_\_\_ school.

Teacher/Counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicants to the Film and Video Program must submit completed application and teacher recommendation forms and **THE REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS, A through C, and either Assignment D or Alternative Assignment E:**

- A. Describe in 150 words or more the role you want filmmaking to play in your life, as well as your beliefs on what filmmakers have to offer to our culture at large. Also, describe what you think it takes to be a proficient artist.
- B. Describe a favorite film of yours, in 150 words or more, that you feel is either underrated or overlooked. Discuss the theme and directorial authorship. What is the film saying about the world? Why is this film special to you? Avoid discussing your personal likes and dislikes. Instead, describe the work's content, what it is saying, and how this was achieved.
- C. The CSSSA Film/Video program requires each student to complete 5 extensive projects in only 4 weeks. Give us, in 150 words or more, an example of something you have done before in school or in your life that required you to work hard and be very creative.
- D. Submit only one film or video piece that you have created, with a maximum running time of ten minutes. Group projects, book reports and PSA's are **strongly discouraged!** The screening committee will be equipped to view **ONLY MINI-DVDs, full-sized DVDs or flash drives.**

*ACCEPTABLE file formats for video submission: .avi, .mov, .wav, and .wmv. Please do not include files in a format that is native to the program you are using to edit video (if applicable). Auditions submitted on VHS, CD, Mini-DV, Hi-8, or on any other analog cassette tape will not be reviewed.*

You must include the following items in addition to the film or video:

- A description of your project -- two sentences maximum.
- A short statement that describes your work. What was your intent?
- What was your project's budget, equipment used and what resources at your disposal?
- A description of your artistic practice, or your role in the project, (e.g., writer, director, cinematographer or editor)

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### **REQUIRED INFORMATION ON ALL MINI-DVDs, DVDs and flash drives:**

Your work will NOT be reviewed unless it is clearly labeled with (1) your name, (2) the title and running time, and (3) what you did on the piece; e.g., writer, camera operator, editor, or director.

- E. **ALTERNATIVE ASSIGNMENT:** If you cannot submit a movie, you may instead tell a short story in ten shots or less. The written element of this proposal should include a paragraph-long description of the piece, as well as a detailed shot list with accompanying images. These images can be hand drawn or photographs. **VERY IMPORTANT:** The budget for your proposed video may not exceed \$250.00 (two hundred and fifty dollars), and you must provide a short description of how and where you plan to use that money. Do not include any expenses for camera and related equipment or tape stock for purposes of this assignment. Keep in mind that this assignment is meant to give the faculty an idea of who you are as a filmmaker and what you might be capable of making while at CSSSA. You should demonstrate ability and creative practicality in visualizing your video. Note: If you choose this assignment, you must include additional elements that will help the faculty understand and evaluate your proposal. These may include two-dimensional art works, location photos, or short character studies.

### **RETURNING STUDENTS ONLY:**

Previous attendees must submit original work completed after the summer session, which reflects your growth as a film or video artist. In addition you must submit a brief statement of your specific learning objectives and reasons for wanting to return to the school. If you previously attended CSSSA in an artistic discipline other than Film/Video, you must submit a recommendation from a CSSSA instructor in that department.

### **FOR ALL STUDENTS, PLEASE NOTE:**

- Send us your film with your name clearly printed on both the container and the video. We do NOT assume responsibility for the loss or damage of submissions. **APPLICATION VIDEOS WILL NOT BE RETURNED, SO DO NOT SEND MASTER COPIES OF YOUR VIDEO.**
- Send your application and assignments to:

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Attn.: Film/Video Department  
P.O. Box 1077  
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