



PGA EAST STUDENT PROGRAM 2016

Overview

The Recruitment Committee of the Producers Guild of America East is pleased to announce that applications for the PGA East Student Program are now open. This two-year program gives highly-motivated students currently enrolled in a producing-focused degree or certificate program the unique opportunity to become part of their own PGA community by attending regular meetings, creating and supporting events, networking with peers, receiving invitations to PGA events and screenings, and sharing and advancing their knowledge of film, television, and new media.

The Producers Guild of America is the non-profit trade group of over 7,000 members that represents, protects and promotes the interests of all members of the producing team in film, television and new media. The PGA hosts important industry events including the annual PGA Awards and the Produced By Conference, as well as many seminars, workshops, screenings + Q&As and mixers to facilitate ongoing education and networking. To learn more about the PGA, please visit www.producersguild.org.

Please note that acceptance to the PGA East Student Program does not make one a member of the Producers Guild of America. PGA membership requires a separate application based on credits earned and work performed. The PGA East Student Program aims to encourage and support students on their way towards full PGA membership.

Deadline

- All application materials must be received by **Friday, April 1 at 5:00pm**.
- Selected applicants will be asked to participate in a required, in-person interview in early April.

Application

In the following pages, please find:

- PGA East Student Program Guidelines & Requirements
- Application Materials

For any questions, email PGAEastStudents@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Nelle Nugent, Jeffrey Hayes, Fred Silverman
Co-Chairs, PGA East Recruitment Committee's Student Program

Guidelines & Requirements

Applicants must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate, or “certificate” program, specifically focused in producing. Applicants must be currently enrolled at the time of applying, but it is ok if they graduate before the PGA East Student Program begins in the Fall.

Schools with approved producing programs include: Columbia University, The New School, The New York Institute of Technology, New York Film Academy, New York University, Sarah Lawrence, The School of Visual Arts, SUNY New Paltz, and Wesleyan University. The PGA welcomes the addition of schools that offer producing-focused programs. If a school does not offer a producing degree, students must have completed available producing courses. Email pga-ny@producersguild.org to see if a program qualifies.

The program runs for two consecutive years, starting in the Fall of 2016 and completing Summer 2018. If at any time during those two years a student earns sufficient producing credits, they will be encouraged to apply for full membership to the PGA.

A student’s successful continuation and completion of the Student Program is determined via bi-annual evaluations of their level of participation. Those who do not maintain participation expectations will be expelled from the program.

Mandatory Participation Includes (but is not limited to):

- Regular attendance at monthly meetings
- Frequent attendance at student workshops
- Contributions to student programming
- Actively communicating with Student Chairs
- Volunteering at a minimum of 2 PGA events or screenings per year
- Completion of annual evaluation survey
- Attendance at numerous PGA events

The program’s direction, including the group’s educational, mentoring, and networking opportunities, are created and organized by YOU, the program’s participants. It is imperative that each student actively contribute to the program’s success. Students who do not meet participation expectations may be expelled at any time. Expulsion can also occur at any time for those who do not demonstrate courteous, professional, or appropriate behavior while engaging in PGA activities. If academic requirements or other work will make it extremely difficult for applicants to actively participate in the Student Program, it is strongly advised that such a prospective applicant delay applying until s/he has a lighter workload.

Because of participation requirements, applicants must reside in or near New York City, or be able to make frequent trips to New York City, throughout the duration of the program in order to attend meetings and events. There is not a PGA Student Program in other cities.

Students in the program are eligible to serve in the leadership roles of Student Program Chair(s) and Secretary. The Student Program Chair(s) is a 2nd year in the program, and serves as its spokesperson.

Accepted students will be introduced to each other at an orientation event in August/September. In addition to the opportunity to attend and program events for fellow students, students will be eligible to serve on certain PGA East Committees, and will receive invitations to PGA East seminars, screenings + Q&As, mixers, and other events. Students will also receive a subscription to the PGA’s *Produced By* magazine. PGA members will be informed about students in the program as a source of volunteers and potential hires. Volunteer and employment opportunities will be sent to students as they come up.

Students who successfully meet their participation requirements and complete their two years will be given continued access to certain PGA events, screenings, and other resources.

Application Materials

1) Online Application

You will need to provide:

- Basic student information.
- One professor reference. Please provide the name and email of a current or recent professor in the producing/media field. The professor does not need to write you a letter of support, but we may contact your reference with questions at our discretion.
- A short essay on why you want to be a producer/ part of the PGA East Student Program.

Please click [HERE](#) to complete the online application form.

2) Resume & Copy of Current Student ID

Please email a copy of your resume and current student ID to PGAEastStudents@gmail.com. Please write "Student Application: YOUR NAME" in the email subject line.

3) Application Fee/Student Dues

The PGA East Student Program has annual dues of \$50 each year. If accepted, this fee will be used to cover the first year's dues. In the event a student is not accepted to the program, this fee will be reimbursed.

Please click [HERE](#) to submit payment online through the PGA website.

Selected applications will be asked to interview in person with members of the PGA East Recruitment Committee in early April. Final decisions will be made shortly thereafter. For any questions, please email PGAEastStudents@gmail.com.