



**COMPASSFILMACADEMY**

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## Application for Admission 2010-2011

### Application Instructions

All applicants are required to provide the following:

1. Completed and signed Application, with **non-refundable \$25.00 application fee**
2. Official high school transcript or proof of GED.
3. Homeschooled students are required to submit a list of courses that were taken.
4. Official transcript(s) from any college(s) attended are encouraged but not required.
5. Test results of the ACT or SAT (Our ACT school code is **6098**; Our SAT school code is **5933**).
6. Portfolio of creative work (see requirements below)
7. Letters of Recommendation (see below)
8. Essay (see below)
9. Interview with Academy representative (To be scheduled after a completed application and portfolio have been submitted)

Return Completed  
**Application Packets to:**  
Compass Film Academy  
Attn: Admissions  
560 Fifth St. NW, Ste 110  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

### Portfolio Requirements

**Goal:** The goal of the Portfolio is to gauge a candidate's artistic calling, talent, "teachability" and perseverance. Please organize your Portfolio into the following sections:

1. **Film Related:** This can include any films, short films, scripts, treatments, documentaries, music videos, production sketches and/or storyboards. **Include 2-4 Film Related items with your Portfolio.**
2. **Non-Film Related:** This can include any creative pursuit outside of filmmaking, including photography, painting, sculpture, poetry, creative writing, building, or any other creative venture. **Include 1-3 Non-Film Related item with your Portfolio.**

### Portfolio Submission

Portfolios cannot be emailed. They must be submitted via US Postal Service, UPS, FedEx, or other carrier.

All media (including scripts and creative writing) may be submitted on 1 DVD.

**Note:** Please make sure that all media is on the submitted discs and that all submitted discs are labeled with the Applicants name and contact information.

Submit only copies of original work, as we cannot be responsible for originals. Portfolio materials may be returned at the discretion of the school.

### Essay Components

Using a separate paper, compose an essay, addressing the following issues. The essay must be a minimum of 250 words.

1. Your short-term goals in the art of film.
2. Why you think Compass Film Academy will help you achieve your short and long-term goals.
3. A moment where film changed your life.
4. The role of filmmaking in society.
5. The role of community in filmmaking.

### Recommendations

Two (2) letters of recommendation/reference are required for the applicant. These should come from someone who can vouch for 1) your character and 2) your creativity.

Please indicate below how this information is being submitted.

- Enclosed     Sent separately



## **Family Information**

(Family information is required for dependent students under the age of 24 years)

Father \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Colleges (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name and address of legal guardian(s) (if different from parents) \_\_\_\_\_  
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If billing address is different than home address, indicate below

Number and Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

If parents are divorced or separated, with whom do you live?  Father  Mother  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Compass Film Academy mailings should go to:  Both Parents  Father  Mother  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## **Citizenship and ethnicity**

The following information is for statistical purposes only - it will have no bearing on acceptance. Compass Film Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, or disability.

Citizen of: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth  
country: \_\_\_\_\_  
Native language: \_\_\_\_\_

If non-U.S. citizen, check one:  Student visa  Permanent visa  other visa \_\_\_\_\_

If resident alien, please check here:  (Send copy of resident-alien card)

African-American  Asian-American  Caucasian American  Hispanic-American

Native American  Canadian  Multiracial  International, not Canadian

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Autobiographical Information

Explain the biggest success and the biggest challenge of your educational career.

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Who has been the most influential person in your life and why?

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How many movies do you watch in a month?

What are your favorite films and why are they your favorites?

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**A \$25 non-refundable application fee is due upon return of completed application.**

If an applicant is accepted into the One Year Program, a deposit of \$1,000 is required to be paid within 30 days of acceptance to reserve a seat. The deposit will be applied to the tuition.

Compass Film Academy accepts Application Fees by MasterCard, Visa, Discover, checks, or money order payments. Deposit and Tuition Payments must be paid by check or money order. Cash payments must be made in person at the offices of Compass Film Academy.

**Refund Policy:** The tuition and fees paid by the applicant shall be refunded if the applicant is rejected by the school before enrollment. An application fee of not more than \$25.00 may be retained by the school if the application is denied. All tuition and fees paid by the applicant shall be refunded if requested within 3 business days after signing a contract with the school. All refunds shall be returned within 30 days.

**Application Deadline:** April 1, 2010.

CFA Office use only:

Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Application Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Portfolio Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: