

CHANNEL 4 / 4 SKILLS BURSARY SUPPORT.

We are delighted to announce a bursary pot is available to support payment of fees for the following certificate courses:

Producing Your First feature (Glasgow 2024)

Screenwriting: Finding Your Voice (Leeds, Wales and Glasgow 2025)

Script Supervising (Leeds 2025)

Documentary Storytelling (Edinburgh 2025)

Please read carefully

The aim of these Channel 4 / 4 skills supported bursaries is to help increase diversity and equality within the Regions and Nations screen and television industry by helping those from underrepresented groups and those who, without financial support, would find it difficult to access training and therefore job opportunities.

When awarded, a bursary will cover a proportion of the cost of a course. Bursaries are only available to those who are eligible and can demonstrate commitment to their chosen field of training or work. Bursaries will be allocated based on NFTS's assessment of the application, including financial and diversity criteria, supporting evidence and a personal statement. We are looking for applicants who will further the School's and the sector's aim of increasing equality and diversity in the screen industries.

We have a limited amount of funding to distribute but we aim to provide bursary support for approximately one third of our course places. Your application will be assessed against the criteria set out in these guidelines on a first come, first served basis.

Our criteria for providing support are based on income and diversity and inclusion which are outlined below. Please note applicants must also be:

- aged over 18
- resident in the UK for the last 3 years
- not in full time education at the time of the course.

BURSARIES AVAILABLE

- Contribution to course fees based on income, diversity and inclusion criteria This contribution to course fees is available if you meet income, diversity and inclusion criteria.
- Contribution to course fees based on income only. This contribution to course fees is available if your application evidences the need for financial support.

INCOME CRITERIA It is important that the fees for this course are not a barrier to you accessing the training and so we do not set an income threshold, but rather ask you to let us know your annual income and expenditure and what percentage of that the cost of this course represents. We ask for three months of bank statements to support your written submission. We reserve the right to ask for further evidence of your income and expenditure at any point until the course is complete.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION CRITERIA We are very keen to encourage participants from a broad range of backgrounds and those who may have experienced barriers to progression in the film, television and games industry. We particularly welcome applications from people who consider any of the following to be a barrier for them:

- having a disability or long-term health condition. A disability is defined in the Equality Act 2010 as a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and

long-term impact on a person's ability to carry out day-to-day activities. This includes progressive and long-term conditions from the point of diagnosis.

- being minority ethnic
- living in a geographical area of the UK where distance and availability of transport limits access to professional training
- being a carer or care experienced
- have a learning difference
- living in a geographical area where distance and/or availability of transport limits access to professional training

Please note: bursaries will not be provided for students currently in government supported full-time education.

You must be resident in the UK for three years or more. In exceptional circumstances this criterion may be waived.

WHAT HAPPENS?

In the **application form**, you will be asked to provide a personal statement telling us why you are applying for financial support for this course which should include:

- Your reasons for wanting to take part in this course;
- The barriers you face in establishing or progressing a career in the screen industries;
- How you plan to use the experience gained from your participation in this course in your future work;
- Any previous experience in this area;
- Whether you have already undertaken training in this area, and if so what and when;
- How you will fund any remaining balance required, including self-funding.

Bursaries are provided at the discretion of NFTS. They are paid to enable you to attend training with us. Bursaries are not loans. You don't have to pay them back. Acceptance on your chosen course is a pre-requisite for consideration for a bursary.

EVIDENCE OF ELIGIBILITY

In order to assess eligibility for a bursary, we require you to provide certain personal information. The information you provide is confidential and will be reviewed only by NFTS Leeds and Scotland and the 4 Skills department supporting our bursaries. It will be used only for assessing your eligibility for an NFTS / Channel 4 / 4 Skills bursary and, if successful, processing your bursary.

We require you to submit the following documents (where applicable) along with your completed bursary application form.

Supporting documents:

You are required to submit **one** of the following as proof of address:

- Utility Bill
- Bank Statement
- Letter from your local authority

Evidence of your income (at least **one** of the following)

- The last three months' bank statements for your household
- P60