



**2009 VSA arts Apprenticeship
at**



Submission Rules and Procedures

VSA arts invites emerging filmmakers with disabilities, age 18 and above, interested in expanding their education and knowledge of documentary filmmaking to apply to be an apprentice at the renowned AFI-Discovery Channel SILVERDOCS Documentary Film Festival and International Documentary Conference from June 15-20, 2009.

AFI-Discovery Channel SILVERDOCS Documentary Film Festival and International Documentary Conference offers numerous opportunities for apprentices to be introduced to the most current trends in the documentary filmmaking community. Sessions, panels, master classes, small group sessions with industry leaders and networking events will offer a select group of emerging filmmakers the opportunity to hone their skills, increase their knowledge base and develop their network of professional contacts. SILVERDOCS staff will create a customized learning experience for each VSA arts Apprentice under the tutelage of AFI Silver's Education Coordinator Matt Boratenski.

Attendance at the entire conference is required (June 15-20, 2009).

The selected VSA arts Apprentices will have the following expenses covered by VSA arts and AFI:

- Conference registration, room and board
- Round trip economy class or coach travel to and from Silver Spring, Maryland, including ground transportation
- Travel, room, and board for a personal care assistant, if required
- Reasonable accommodation for the apprentice's disability

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1. Apprentices must be U.S. Citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.
2. Apprentices must be ages 18 and above.
3. Apprentices must attend the entire conference (June 15-20, 2009).
4. Anyone with an interest and the enthusiasm for documentary filmmaking is encouraged to apply – every level of experience will be considered.
5. Apprentices are selected by an application and accompanying CD or DVD.
6. Applications must be submitted with all accompanying materials and received by VSA arts no later than June 2, 2009.
7. A disability is defined as an impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. For more information about disabilities that apply, please review the VSA arts *Disability Awareness Guide*, located under resources at www.vsarts.org.

8. If you supply an email address on the application form, you will receive an email confirming receipt of your application.
9. VSA arts is not responsible for loss or damage to entries.
10. Application materials will not be returned.

Submission Procedures

You must submit the following materials to be considered for the VSA arts apprenticeship:

- Completed **application form**.
- A **one-page personal statement** describing interests in documentary filmmaking.
- A **sample CD or DVD of your documentary projects**. Videos must be ready to play on a computer using Windows Media Player, Real Player, or Quick Time. No VHS or mini DVDs. Reviewers will initially review 2 minutes of a video or audio file. Artists should note a specific 2 minute segment to be reviewed, noting the segment times within their application. The reviewers may opt to view the entire video for a final decision based on this segment.
- An **e-mail recommendation** from someone familiar with your filmmaking experience to slmoore@vsarts.org with the subject line: **documentary apprentice**.
- A **brief current resume** including your education and filmmaking experience, if any.
- A recent **headshot** (JPEG or photograph) for promotional purposes.

Mail application and enclosures to:

**VSA arts Apprenticeship at SILVERDOCS
818 Connecticut Ave., NW
Suite 600
Washington, DC 20006**

Questions may be directed to slmoore@vsarts.org. Please include the subject line: **documentary apprentice**. **Applications must be received no later than June 2, 2009.**

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