



Application Deadline: Friday March 19, 2010

M E N T O R S H I P

W O M E N I N F I L M C H I C A G O M I S S I O N

Women in Film Chicago (WIF Chicago) is a nonprofit membership organization for all creative content professionals. With a focus on driving the advancement of women in this industry, WIF Chicago provides a dynamic network to facilitate the exchange of ideas and opportunities and builds a solid educational platform to accelerate the professional development of our members.

T H E M E N T O R S H I P P R O G R A M

The WIFC Mentorship Program nurtures emerging and transitioning talent by pairing these individuals with established professionals and industry leaders.

WIFC believes these mutually beneficial relationships will assist in developing and stimulating the Chicago production industry while furthering our educational mission.

Eligibility: Applicants must be current members of Women in Film Chicago at the time of the application and maintain membership through the duration of the program. Additionally, applicants must fall into one of the following categories.

Emerging Talent:

You are considered Emerging Talent if you

- Are a student graduating from a college or university by December 31, 2010
- or
- Have been working in the industry less than 2 years as of the Application Deadline

Transitional Talent:

You are considered Transitional Talent if you

- Have worked in the industry 2-10 years and want a mentor in your current career path
- or
- Are looking to change career direction and can show serious prior effort to prepare for that change

After reviewing the applications, the WIFC Mentorship committee will schedule in-person interviews with the most promising applicants. Once selected, each mentee will be introduced to a carefully selected mentor¹, and the two should then arrange to meet monthly for 6 months.

The goal of the Mentorship Program is NOT to provide jobs. It is to give promising people in the industry access to advice and guidance. Mentees can expect to gain a general knowledge of what their mentor does, how she (or he) got started in the industry and learn general tips on navigating the industry.

The WIFC Mentorship Committee will periodically check in with participants to offer assistance and gather feedback.

¹ Every effort will be made to find an appropriate Mentor, but it cannot be guaranteed.

STATEMENT OF INTEREST: In 500 words or less please tell us:

- Why you have selected your particular field of interest
- Your career goals
- What you expect to gain from the Mentorship Program
- Anything else you'd like us to know about you

REFERENCE #1 (Include Letter)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

How do you know this person? _____ Length of time known: _____

REFERENCE #2 (Include Letter)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

How do you know this person? _____ Length of time known: _____

OPTIONAL:

- Link to your website, online demo reel, portfolio, writing samples or other examples of your work:

Or you may include a (non-returnable) demo reel, portfolio, writing samples or other examples of your work.

- If there is a specific person in the media community, preferably in the Chicagoland area, that you would like to be matched up with, please let us know their name, professional field, and any contact information. Please note that we cannot guarantee a match with this person.

G I V E B A C K – B E A M E N T O R

Want to give back to the community?

Want to help other women achieve their dreams?

Want to meet exciting new talent?

Anyone with more than two years experience in a given field is eligible to be a mentor. We are looking for media mentors that are sincere about helping and willing to share their experiences in the business.

For more information about becoming a Mentor please send a brief bio and your contact information to:

Email: mentorship@wifchicago.org

Fax: 312-256-9168

Mail: Women in Film Chicago
1728 N Sedgwick St
Chicago IL 60614-5722

The WIFC Mentorship Committee will make every effort to match a mentee with the best possible mentor. However our ideal candidate is:

- *A member of Women in Film Chicago, or another Women in Film Chapter*
- *Female*
- *Has at least 3 more years experience than the mentee in the given field*
- *Lives and/or works in the Chicago metro area*