



# TAC-SFP Expansion 2025

A proposal for Willow James

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 **TOWN ARTS COUNCIL**

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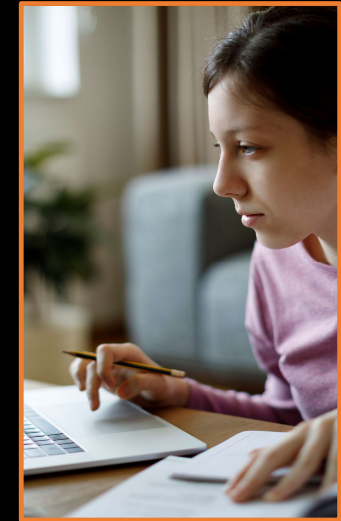
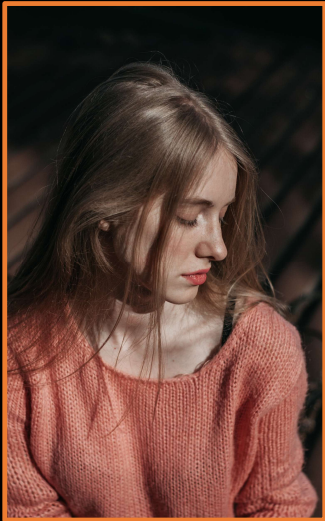
The **Town Arts Council (TAC)** is dedicated to enriching the lives of those who live, work, and play here by bringing local arts and artists together with the community.

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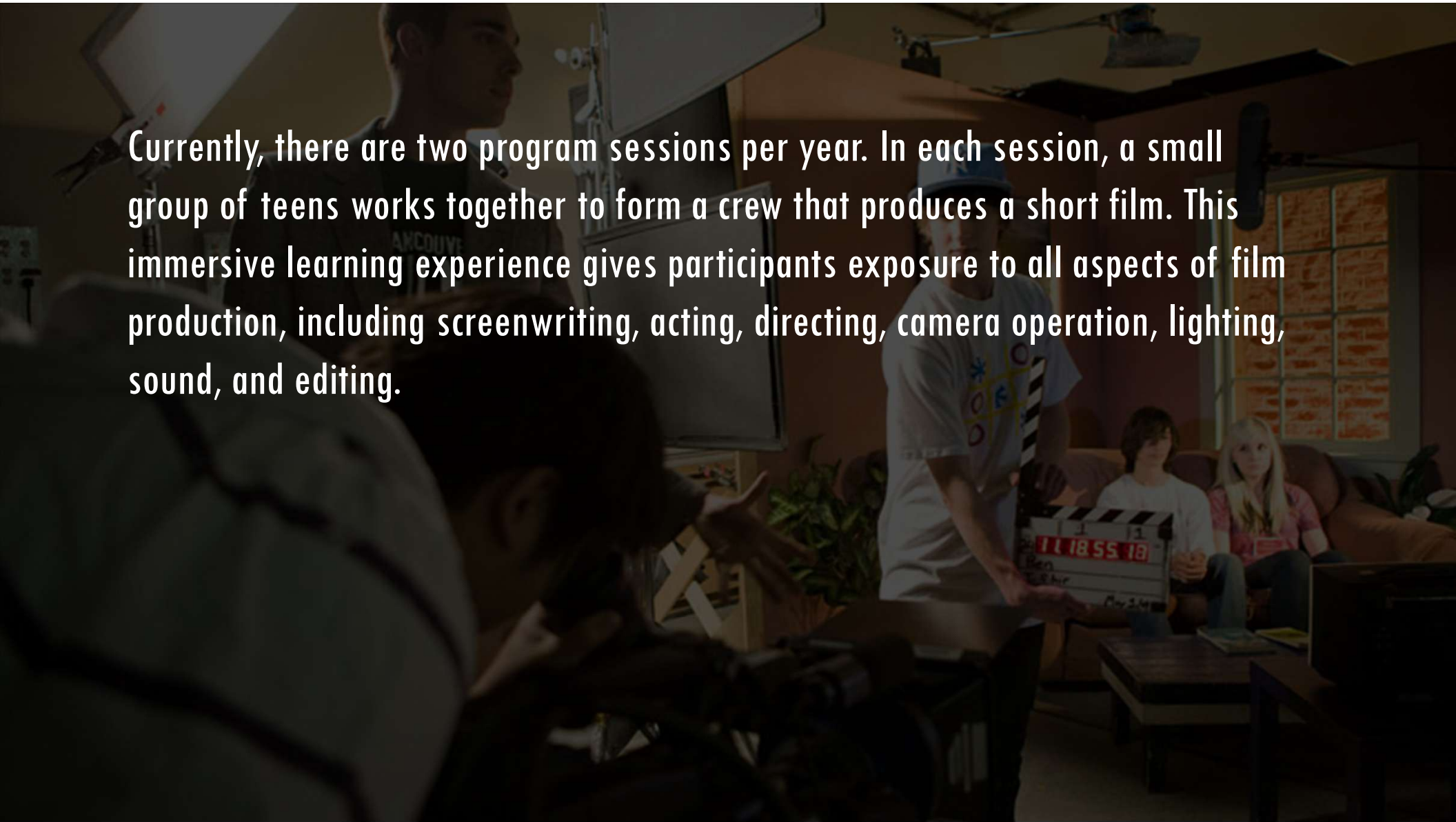
The **TAC Student Film Program (TAC-SFP)** is a partnership between TAC and the Town Youth Center offering a film production program to local high school students.





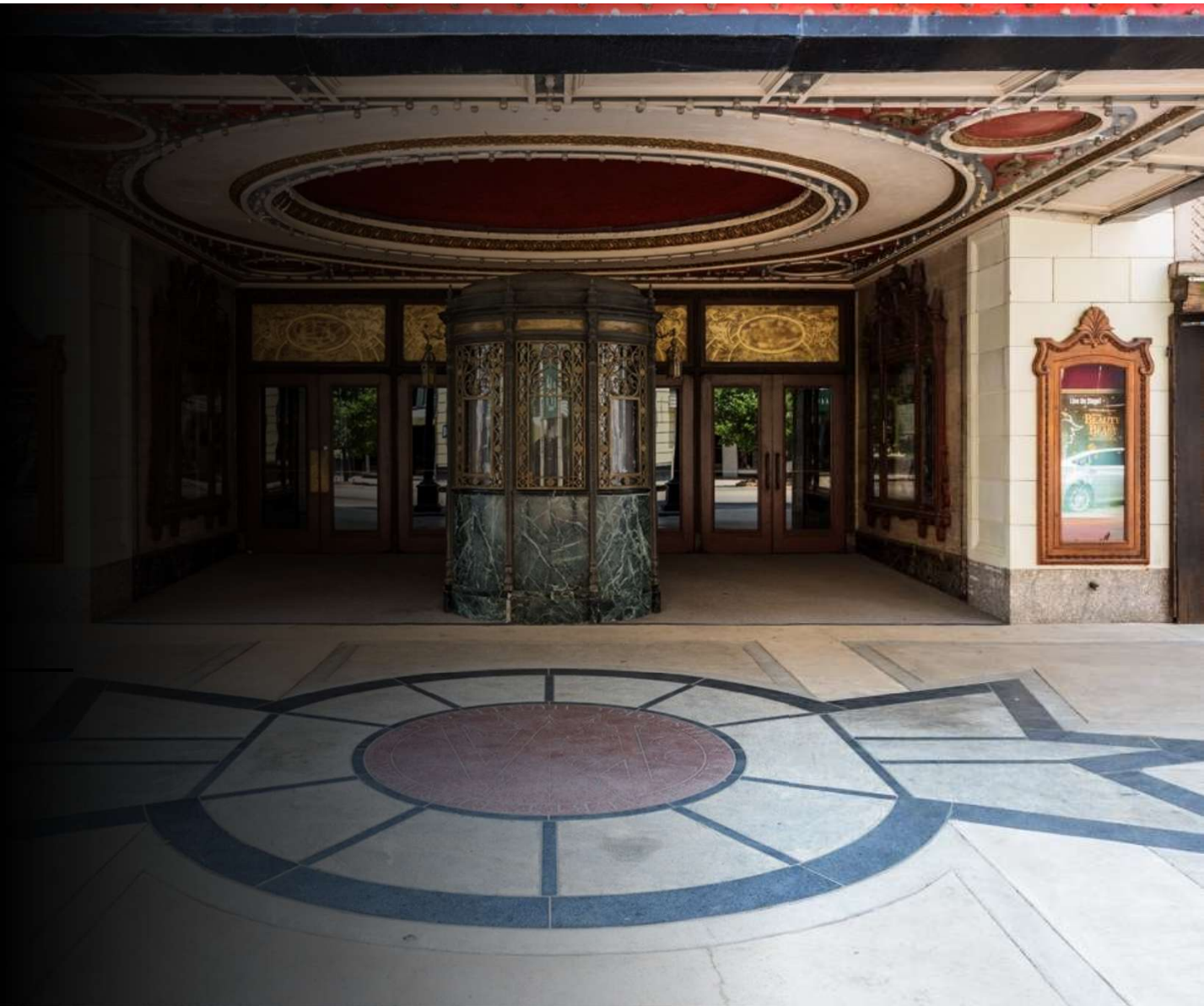
**TAC-SFP participants get a unique opportunity to learn the art of filmmaking while telling meaningful personal stories.**

Currently, there are two program sessions per year. In each session, a small group of teens works together to form a crew that produces a short film. This immersive learning experience gives participants exposure to all aspects of film production, including screenwriting, acting, directing, camera operation, lighting, sound, and editing.





Family and friends are invited to the premier of student-made films at the **Town Film Festival**, held each fall at the Town Theatre and attracting diverse audiences from near and far.



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Every story gets a place in the program archive,  
the TAC-SFP YouTube channel.



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*This program has boosted my daughter's confidence in her writing ability.*

 a TAC-SFP parent

*I think it's made me more open to new experiences and looking at life in new ways.*

 a TAC-SFP graduate

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 a TAC-SFP graduate





100%

of TAC-SFP graduates have obtained  
a high school diploma.



30%

of TAC-SFP graduates have continued their  
education in the arts in a two-year or four-  
year post-secondary program.

**DIVERSITY**  
**INCLUSION**  
**ACCEPTANCE**  
**WELCOMING**  
**SAFE SPACE**  
**FOR YOU.**

Through TAC-SFP classes, we have sought to create a welcoming, inclusive, and safe environment for our young filmmakers to tell their stories.

The work and the success of our graduates has led us to a new quest . . .

***to leave no story untold.***

The background of the slide is a dark, artistic photograph of a camera lens. It features several concentric circular rings of the lens elements. In the center, there is a reflection of a globe, showing continents and oceans, which adds a global or artistic theme to the presentation.

The vision for expanding the program beginning in 2026 is based on your feedback:

- **Remove barriers** to participation by fully-funding session tuition.
- **Increase reach** by adding a summer session.
- **Increase promotion** of the program, the films, and the filmmakers.
- **Establish a scholar fund** to provide financial assistance to program alums who continue studies in the arts in college.

## Expansion Cost Estimate Schedule

|                                                                      | 2026            | 2027            | 2028            | 2029            | 2030            | Totals           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Summer Session:<br>Teaching Artist stipend                           | \$7,500         | \$7,500         | \$7,500         | \$7,700         | \$7,500         | \$37,500         |
| Summer Session:<br>Studio fees<br>(reduced rate)                     | \$2,500         | \$2,500         | \$2,500         | \$2,500         | \$2,500         | \$12,500         |
| Summer Session:<br>Legal fees                                        | \$1,000         | \$1,000         | \$1,000         | \$1,000         | \$1,000         | \$5,000          |
| Fully-funded tuition for 24<br>participants per year                 | \$12,000        | \$12,000        | \$12,000        | \$12,000        | \$12,000        | \$60,000         |
| Construction, launch, and<br>maintenance of the SFP web site         | \$5,000         | \$1,000         | \$1,000         | \$1,000         | \$1,000         | \$9,000          |
| Construction and maintenance of<br>social media presence for the SFP | \$3,000         | \$750           | \$750           | \$750           | \$750           | \$6,000          |
| <b>Totals</b>                                                        | <b>\$31,000</b> | <b>\$24,750</b> | <b>\$24,750</b> | <b>\$24,750</b> | <b>\$24,750</b> | <b>\$130,000</b> |

# Gift opportunities

## Remove Barriers

Fully-funded tuition creates opportunity to include voices and stories that would otherwise go unheard.

A gift of \$60,000 will pave the way to the TAC-SFP for 120 local teens, 2026-2030.

## Increase Reach

Expanding our program year to include a summer session will bring 40 additional storytellers to TAC-SFP over five years.

A gift of \$75,000 will fund five TAC-SFP summer sessions, 2026-2030.

## Support Arts Education

Establishing a TAC-SFP scholar fund to assist graduates who continue their arts education after high school.

A gift of \$50,000 will provide \$10,000 per year in student aid, 2026-2030.



In honor of your gift toward program expansion, we are pleased to invite you to name the fund you choose to sponsor. However, we understand that your privacy is important, and you may wish that your gift remain anonymous. If so, we will honor that wish.



A woman with glasses and a white t-shirt is operating a professional video camera. The camera has "ALEXA" and "ARRI" branding. In the background, a man in a grey hoodie is looking at a script. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an indoor film set.

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We are deeply grateful for your thoughtful consideration of this opportunity to support young filmmakers right here in your hometown.

~ Town Arts Council