

**Women in Film/General Motors Alliance
2007 Acceleration Grant for Emerging Latina Filmmakers
October 15-21, 2007**

Applications are being sought for "Opening Doors/Abriendo Puertas: The Acceleration Program for Emerging Latina Filmmakers," a program of the Women In Film/GM Alliance. The goal of the program is to help talented emerging female filmmakers of Latin/Hispanic descent to learn about the film and television business through professional seminars, meetings with business leaders, and participation as industry professionals in the Hamptons International Film Festival. The 2007 program is being administered by New York Women in Film & Television (NYWIFT).

Five filmmakers will be chosen to participate in the program. Participants will be hosted in New York City by New York Women in Film and Television from October 15-21st. The program will begin with two days of meetings with leaders and executives in the film and television industries. These will include distributors, financing experts, producers, marketing executives, television broadcasters, and studio representatives. Participants will also receive industry passes to the acclaimed Hamptons International Film Festival, which will take place October 17-21 in East Hampton, Long Island. In addition, they will receive admission to the Industry Ball and parties hosted by Lifetime Television Networks and NYWIFT. NYWIFT will provide round trip transportation to New York City and lodging.

Guidelines

1. Applicants must be female, of Latin/Hispanic descent.
2. They must have made at least one film but not yet be established in the industry.
3. They should be at a point in their careers where the access to industry resources provided by the program would be instrumental in their next steps.
4. Additionally, they must show evidence of their commitment to pursuing a career in the film and/or television industries.

How to Apply

The application form can be downloaded from NYWIFT's web site: www.nywift.org. The following must be included:

- A typed, one-or-two page double-spaced candidate's statement: Why do you want to participate in the program? What are your artistic and career goals?
- One letter of recommendation from an industry professional
- A resume detailing your work experience and education
- A DVD sample of your work. Spanish or Portuguese language films must be subtitled in English.
- Statement of Warranty

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Deadline for receipt of applications is **August 1, 2007**. Applicants will be judged by a committee of NYWIFT members. Finalists will be contacted for a telephone interview. Please mail one set of your completed application to:

Latina Acceleration Program
New York Women in Film and Television
6 East 39th Street
New York, NY 10016

Submitted materials will not be returned.