



**PRINCESS GRACE FOUNDATION-USA ANNOUNCES
2018 APPLICATIONS FOR PRINCESS GRACE AWARDS IN
THEATER, PLAYWRITING, DANCE PERFORMANCE, CHOREOGRAPHY AND FILM
AND NEW STEPHEN HILLENBURG ANIMATION SCHOLARSHIP FOR ANIMATION STUDENTS**

New York, NY, January 23, 2018 - The Princess Grace Foundation-USA (PGF-USA) announces the availability of applications for the 34th annual **Princess Grace Awards in Theater, Playwriting, Dance Performance, Choreography, and Film** and the new *Stephen Hillenburg Animation Scholarship* for students focusing on the field of animation. Founded in 1982, in memory of Princess Grace (Kelly) of Monaco, the Foundation identifies and assists emerging artists in theater, dance and film and has awarded more than \$14 million to nearly 800 individuals nationwide. www.pgfusa.org.

“We call upon artistic directors and deans/departments chairs of non-profit theater, dance, and film institutions to nominate candidates for the 2018 Princess Grace Awards. We invite you to join us on this quest to find the most talented artists who will help us light up the nation’s artistic landscape,” says **Executive Director, Toby E. Boshak**

By watching this short video [link](#), learn how the Princess Grace Award has helped recipients achieve their dreams. If you are an emerging artist or know one, it’s time to apply now!

Theater Awards include scholarships, apprenticeships and fellowships. Awards are based on the quality of the emerging artist’s past work, potential for future excellence, and impact the collaboration between the nominating organization and the artist will have on the individual’s artistic growth. **DEADLINE: MARCH 30, 2018.**

The **Playwriting** Award includes a residency fellowship at New Dramatists and opportunity for the winning play to be licensed and published by Samuel French, Inc. **SUBMISSION WINDOW: February 15 - March 15, 2018** through New Dramatists’ website at [http: www.newdramatists.org/princess-grace.com](http://www.newdramatists.org/princess-grace.com)

Dance Performance Awards include scholarships and fellowships. Awards are based on the applicant’s artistic merit, significance of the Award to current artistic development, and the potential for future excellence and impact on the field. **Choreography** Awards offer emerging choreographers a fellowship to create a new work with organizations with which they have little experience. **DEADLINE for both: April 30, 2018.**

Film scholarships, awarded to undergraduate and graduate students, are **by invitation-only** to support the filmmaker’s thesis projects. Approved programs are invited to submit applicants via their Department Chairs/Deans.

New Animation Award Opportunity: Animation students can apply for the *Stephen Hillenburg Animation Scholarship*. The Scholarship seeks to identify and support innovative, emerging animators, who show outstanding artistic promise and a potential to have a lasting impact on the field of animation.

A complete list of approved schools is in the FAQ section under “Grants” at www.pgfusa.org/grants-program/FAQs. **DEADLINE for both Film and Hillenburg Awards: JUNE 1, 2018**

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or have permanent resident status. All applicants (except playwriting) must be nominated by a non-profit organization (school or company) with which they will be affiliated during the grant period (September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019). Visit www.pgfusa.org/grants-program/applications.

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