



Submission Rules for ABFF Greenlighters Academy Boot Camp

The ABFF Greenlighters Academy Boot Camp is a four-day educational initiative produced by the American Black Film Festival (ABFF) to encourage and support African American college students who have an interest in corporate careers in film and television.

The competitive program is scheduled for July 22-25, 2018. Primarily targeted to students from the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities, the Academy will serve as a pipeline to place these students as interns at major studios and networks, giving them an opportunity to work in the intersection of the creative business. The overall goal is to provide them with the information and industry access to steer their career path toward positions that can “green light” projects, creating more executives in positions to advocate for diversity in the business. Travel, lodging and meals will be provided for all participants.

Qualifications:

- Open to students 18 years of age or older
- Must be matriculated in a bachelor degree program at an accredited four-year college/university
- Must be a second-year student (sophomore) or above when applying
- GPA must be 3.0 or higher to qualify
- Students must have valid student ID and valid state photo ID (submitted on site)
- Open to African American students in all majors
- Strong consideration given to Film, Cinema Studies, Communications, Finance, Business, Economics or Liberal Arts majors
- Submissions open: May 9, 2018, 5:00 p.m. EST
- Submission deadline: May 18, 2018, 11:59 p.m. PST (no extensions)

Submission Materials:

Each applicant will submit the following to be considered for the ABFF INSPIRES: Greenlighters Academy.

- An essay answering the following questions:
 - *What is your specific interest in the film/television industry and how does your current major relate to this area of interest?*
 - *What are your perceived challenges/obstacles to gaining entry into the film business?*
 - *What are your ultimate career goals in the film and television business?*

- List of the network, cable and streaming shows you watch the most (no more than 10)
- List of the last five films you went to see in theaters
- **Copy of current school transcript showing all grades and cumulative 3.0 GPA (full name and major must be clearly visible)**
- **References from two (2) professors from your current school, including their contact information**
- Your social media handles

Selection process:

REVIEW

- ABFF will review all submissions as they come in, on an ongoing basis.
- 15 finalists will be chosen by May 25, 2018. ABFF staff input is due by no later than May 23.
- SKYPE Interviews with finalists will be completed by May 30.
- Fellows for the 2018 ABFF Greenlighters Academy Boot Camp will be notified via formal email invitation on May 31, 2018, with an RSVP date of June 8, 2018.
- ABFF Ventures will send a package of documents for the fellows to complete, including verification that they can travel freely, a recent photo (to be used for ABFF promotions) and an ABFF Release document.

FINAL SUBMISSION MATERIAL

- Fellows must RSVP to the invitation by no later than June 8, 2018.
- Fellows must submit the ABFF Ventures package and all required ABFF Ventures paperwork (sent upon acceptance and RSVP) by C.O.B. June 19, 2018.