



**Education  
African Canadian Services**

The ViewFinders Summer Video Academies for Youth sponsored by the Nova Scotia Department of Education African Canadian Services are two FREE summer camps for youth ages 13 – 18 that will take place in Halifax in July and August.

Those attending will have the opportunity to explore significant social issues affecting youth today: teen pregnancy and gang violence while learning the basics of filmmaking. The video will combine performance, documentary and music elements. Participants will take part in three different components of filmmaking: Scriptwriting, Music and Production.

The films will be screened at the ViewFinders Gala during the 29th Atlantic Film Festival on September 26th, 2009.

No previous experience is needed and beginners are always welcome. Space is limited.

**REGISTRATION**

(Please check off below which camp you would like to register for)

**Camp Session #1 - July 20 – 26**

Theme: Teen Pregnancy

**Camp Session #2 - August 10 – 16**

Theme: Gang Violence

**I would like to participate in both Camp Sessions**

**ABOUT THE CAMPS**

CAMP TIMES: 10:00am – 4:30pm daily

LOCATION: Halifax, Nova Scotia

**Day 1 – 2: Story Development / Script Writing**

During these sessions participants will discuss the topic and develop a story and characters for a 5 – 10 minute script. Pre-production includes casting, storyboarding, rehearsals, choosing locations and making shot lists.

Participants will work with a music producer to write and create a song. Lyrics will be developed through the discussion of the camp themes.

**Day 3 – 6: Production**

During Production participants will cover camera and sound workshops and will shoot/produce the film proposed during the Story Development sessions.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS**

**12:00 PM, June 26, 2009**

**For more information, contact:**

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ViewFinders Coordinator  
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**ViewFinders Summer Film Academies for Youth  
APPLICATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY ESSAY**

**Camp participants will be accepted based on the responses to the following essay questions (please attach answers to this application form):**

- Why would you like to participate in the ViewFinders Summer Film Academies?
- Why are you interested in discussing the specific topic of the camp?
- Tell us about your previous experience with film, music, storytelling, writing, etc.

Feel free to format your essay creatively. For example, part of the camp will be about songwriting so answers incorporating verse or lyrics are encouraged.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

Lunch will be provided to participants. Please indicate if you have any allergies or other special needs.

allergies  vegan  vegetarian  other

Special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need help in finding accommodations in Halifax if you are accepted to one of the film academies?  Yes  No

**SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION**

Fax completed forms to:

902.422.4006

**AND** please send a confirmation email to Courtenay Kyle, courtenayk@atlanticfilm.com, when you have faxed your form

OR mail applications to:

ViewFinders Summer Film Academies for Youth - Registration  
c/o ViewFinders: International Film Festival for Youth  
5600 Sackville Street, Suite 220  
Halifax, NS B3J 1L2

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(required if under 18)

*Please note: Upon acceptance, successful applicants will be required to sign a general waiver, a Photo Consent waiver and complete an emergency contact form.*