

# THE SAG-AFTRA FOUNDATION IS HERE FOR SAG-AFTRA MEMBERS NATIONWIDE WITH FREE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND AN EMERGENCY FINANCIAL SAFETY NET

The SAG-AFTRA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing free educational and state-of-the-art professional resources to SAG-AFTRA members, while offering a vital safety net to members when times are tough.

Due to COVID-19, our facilities are temporarily closed. All programs have been moved online. Sign up for our free virtual classes, sessions and workshops today!

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## PERFORMERS PROGRAMS

### **The Business Panels** ([youtube.com/sagaftrafoundation](https://youtube.com/sagaftrafoundation))

*The Business* program consists of speaker panels and Small Group Sessions. These programs focus SAG-AFTRA members on learning to think like businesspeople, as well as artists. Members hear from the creators behind the camera, gain career planning strategies, and learn marketing and financial concepts to empower them to operate as small business owners. *The Business* panels are currently recorded and posted on YouTube.

### **The Business Small Group Sessions** ([sagaftra.foundation/programs](http://sagaftra.foundation/programs))

The Small Group Sessions are approximately 20-person workshops that dig deeper into the information and advice shared in *The Business* panels. Session topics include *The Audition*, *The Branding Workshop*, *Headshots*, *Reels*, *Representation*, *Resumes*, *Actor Career Focus*, *Actor Record Keeping with Evernote*, *Budgeting Your Time*, *Money Management*, and more. These sessions are offered online.

### **Casting Access Classes** ([sagaftra.foundation/programs](http://sagaftra.foundation/programs))

*Casting Access* offers insight into the casting process and gives members cold reading experience in small classes with a maximum of 20 actors. Participants receive feedback from respected industry casting professionals and gain wisdom from top casting directors and associates. *Casting Access* classes are currently offered online. Members can begin attending these programs after completing a brief application.

### **Computer Lab** ([sagaftra.foundation/programs](http://sagaftra.foundation/programs))

*The Lambs® Computer Lab of the SAG-AFTRA Foundation* is a NY-based facility that offers a variety of in-person and online classes and workshops. Computer Lab classes always utilize free or inexpensive software to minimize or negate financial barriers. Online classes are approximately three hours and include an additional 1-3 hours of Q&A following the class. Online classes serve approximately 30-50 members per class.

### **Conversations** ([youtube.com/sagaftrafoundation](https://youtube.com/sagaftrafoundation))

*Conversations at Home* offers interviews with working actors in film and television who explore the process and profession of acting along with current projects. *Conversations at Home* are recorded and released on YouTube. Live *Conversations* take place with an audience of SAG-AFTRA members. Live programs include screenings followed by Q&As with ensemble casts and principals, as well as two-hour career retrospectives, providing members with valuable information on process and craft.

### **On-Camera Labs** ([sagaftra.foundation/ocl](https://sagaftra.foundation/ocl))

On-Camera Lab sessions are currently offered virtually, providing members with a remote space to record auditions and gain valuable experience in front of a camera with a trained technician at no cost. Sessions are booked online. Time slots are 30 minutes long. In addition, our trained staff can provide remote technical assistance to members who are setting up their own self-tape recording spaces at home.

### **Voiceover Labs** ([sagaftra.foundation/programs](https://sagaftra.foundation/programs))

Our state-of-the art Voiceover Labs in L.A. and NYC combine the professionalism and quality of a commercial recording studio with the innovation and educational focus of a classroom environment. Currently, our VO Labs have gone virtual! Members can record voice tracks on demo reels, learn how to use audio recording software, and train with top voiceover instructors, all through the world wide web. In addition, we offer a virtual tech help desk where members can have their home audio questions answered by our audio engineers. Sign up today for one of our frequent Voiceover Lab Orientations.

## **SAFETY NET FOR SAG-AFTRA MEMBERS**

**The SAG-AFTRA Foundation** knows there are ups and downs in the career of a performing artist. We are here for SAG-AFTRA members, in good times and bad. Through our financial assistance programs, we work to ensure that no performer is alone when times are tough.

### **Catastrophic Health Fund** ([sagaftra.foundation/catastrophic-health-fund](https://sagaftra.foundation/catastrophic-health-fund))

The Foundation provides financial grants to eligible SAG-AFTRA members and their dependents who suffer from catastrophic illness or injury and have qualified through SAG-AFTRA Pension and Health for this program. The *Catastrophic Health Fund* application process is completely confidential.

### **COVID-19 Relief Fund and Disaster Relief Fund** ([sagaftra.foundation/covid19relief](https://sagaftra.foundation/covid19relief))

The Foundation and the [SAG-AFTRA Motion Picture Players Welfare Fund \(MPPWF\)](#) offer a Disaster Relief Fund that grants urgently-needed financial aid to SAG-AFTRA members and their families who have been affected by natural disasters, including COVID-19. [The Actors Fund](#) helps administer relief efforts, ensuring all SAG-AFTRA members receive the help they need. SAG-AFTRA members in urgent need are encouraged to apply. Members must be currently active and paid up on their dues.

### **Emergency Assistance** ([sagaftra.foundation/covid19relief](https://sagaftra.foundation/covid19relief))

During times of crisis, the Foundation's *Emergency Assistance* program provides financial assistance to eligible SAG-AFTRA members and their families for basic expenses, including—but not limited to—rent, utilities, and car insurance. The Foundation's *Emergency Assistance* Program also offers case management services to SAG-AFTRA members provided by our Director of Social Services, who is able to provide support, information, and/or referrals to community agencies, based on need and the circumstances surrounding a member's emergency request. To be eligible, you must be an active SAG-AFTRA member, with dues paid for the last eight (8) dues periods. Terminated, suspended payment or fee-paying non-members are not eligible to apply. The *Emergency Assistance* application process is completely confidential. Please apply through the *COVID-19 Relief Fund*.

### **Scholarships** ([sagaftra.foundation/scholarship](https://sagaftra.foundation/scholarship))

The Foundation offers several annual scholarships for eligible SAG-AFTRA members and their dependents. Scholarships are granted for study at accredited and licensed universities, colleges, junior colleges, adult specialty schools and trade/vocational schools. The number and amount awarded are determined annually by a committee of the SAG-AFTRA Foundation. The SAG-AFTRA Foundation Scholarships application for the 2022-2023 school year will be made available on December 1, 2021.

**The Foundation does not receive union dues to fund our programs. As a nonprofit, we rely on gifts, grants, and donations to maintain all of our no-cost programs for SAG-AFTRA members.**

**We want you to take advantage of all the Foundation has to offer, and also ask you to become a monthly or annual supporter of your Foundation at whatever level you can give. Every little bit helps.**

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