

# TELEVISION AND FILM ARTS AT SUNY BUFFALO STATE

## Your Recommendation to the TFA Major

For your application to the Television and Film Arts major to be complete, you must have a letter of recommendation submitted on your behalf via email to [TFA@buffalostate.edu](mailto:TFA@buffalostate.edu)

Letters of recommendation can be from high school teachers, college professors, or former employers. Ideally, your letter should speak to your creativity and potential for success in the Television and Film Arts program.

Please email the recommender this document and let them know if you are applying *Early Action* or *Regular Admission*.

**November 15, 2025—EARLY ACTION DEADLINE**

**February 1, 2026—REGULAR ADMISSION DEADLINE**

The file should be named: “[Your Last Name] TFA Rec”

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<http://tvfilm.buffalostate.edu/>



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### ABOUT THE TELEVISION AND FILM ARTS MAJOR

The Television and Film Arts (TFA) major has a singular purpose: Creating great storytellers—regardless of the medium. Highlights of the TFA program include:

- Since 2009, over 200 TFA students have enjoyed **INTERNSHIPS** and full-time positions at leading entertainment companies such as 20th Century Fox, Bravo, Comedy Central, Disney, NBCUniversal, NCIS, Nickelodeon, Warner Bros., and Hulu
- Affordable **SUNY TUITION**
- The **TFA SEMESTER IN NYC** program allows students to live and work in New York City
- Every year, TFA students participate in the annual **TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**—attending world premieres and Q&As with the industry's leading filmmakers
- Each semester, TFA students organize **PUBLIC SCREENINGS** of their films
- TFA seniors produce an original, half-hour **TV PILOT** every Fall
- TFA students host an annual **TFA PIONEER AWARDS**—a multimedia gala celebrating TFA student films

Buffalo State has produced many graduates who have pursued highly successful careers in the entertainment industry. These alums stay in close contact with their alma mater—regularly supporting the college's programs, activities, and students.

Television and Film Arts majors are prepared to explore an array of exciting, challenging, and rewarding entertainment industry positions as screenwriters, producers, directors, agents, managers, and network/studio executives in TV, film, and streaming media.

### TO THE RECOMMENDER

Please complete the following Letter of Recommendation and email it to:

[TFA@buffalostate.edu](mailto:TFA@buffalostate.edu)

(Name your file: “[The Applicant’s Last Name] TFA Rec.”)



Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address / Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Excellent—Markedly Exceptional	Satisfactory—Fully Competent	Poor—Marginally Acceptable
3 Points	2 Points	1 Points

**A strong history of creative endeavors, with a focus on storytelling:**

SCORE\_\_\_\_\_ UNSURE ☐ DON'T KNOW ☐

**Proven success in courses related to the TFA major** (e.g., creative writing, TV / Film production, literature, or directing courses)

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**Focus is clear, imaginative and fully realized:**

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**Demonstrates a strong, proactive "can do" attitude and is able to overcome obstacles.**

SCORE\_\_\_\_\_ UNSURE ☐ DON'T KNOW ☐

**A comprehensive grasp of the subject matter:**

SCORE\_\_\_\_\_ UNSURE ☐ DON'T KNOW ☐

**Please discuss the Applicant's potential for success as a Television and Film Arts major at Buffalo State.** (Please limit your response to 250 words)

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Questions? Email Professor Jeffrey Hirschberg, Director of the Television and Film Arts program, at [hirschjn@buffalostate.edu](mailto:hirschjn@buffalostate.edu)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!**

