# CATALOGA ADENDUM

THE LOS ANGELES FILM SCHOOL®

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### THE STUDENT TUITION RECOVERY FUND (STRF)

Effective April 1, 2022, the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education changed the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) fee from fifty cents (\$0.50) to two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of institutional charges, rounded to the nearest thousand dollars, from each student in an educational program who is a California resident or is enrolled in a residency program. Thus, any student who meets this definition and is enrolling after 3/31/2022 must pay the additional fee listed below for their program. The STRF fee is charged at the time of enrollment (please refer to the Academic Catalog for the full STRF policy). The tuition and fee charges for students enrolling in the April 2022 term or later are listed in the following section.

# You must pay the state-imposed assessment for the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) if all of the following applies to you:

- 1. You are a student in an educational program, who is a California resident, or are enrolled in a residency program, and prepay all or part of your tuition either by cash, guaranteed student loans, or personal loans, and
- 2. Your total charges are not paid by any third-party payer such as an employer, government program or other payer unless you have a separate agreement to repay the third party.

# You are not eligible for protection from the STRF and you are not required to pay the STRF assessment, if either of the following applies:

- 1. You are not a California resident, or are not enrolled in a residency program, or
- **2.** Your total charges are paid by a third party, such as an employer, government program or other payer, and you have no separate agreement to repay the third party.

The State of California established the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) to relieve or mitigate economic loss suffered by a student in an educational program at a qualifying institution, who is or was a California resident while enrolled, or was enrolled in a residency program, if the student enrolled in the institution, prepaid tuition, and suffered an economic loss. Unless relieved of the obligation to do so, you must pay the state-imposed assessment for the STRF, or it must be paid on your behalf, if you are a student in an educational program, who is a California resident, or are enrolled in a residency program, and prepay all or part of your tuition.

You are not eligible for protection from the STRF and you are not required to pay the STRF assessment, if you are not a California resident, or are not enrolled in a residency program.

It is important that you keep copies of your enrollment agreement, financial aid documents, receipts, or any other information that documents the amount paid to the school. Questions regarding the STRF may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, 1747 North Market Boulevard, Suite 225, Sacramento, CA 95834 (916) 431-6959 or (888) 370-7589.

To be eligible for STRF, you must be a California resident or are enrolled in a residency program, prepaid tuition, paid or deemed to have paid the STRF assessment, and suffered an economic loss as a result of any of the following:

1. The institution, a location of the institution, or an educational program offered by the institution was closed or discontinued, and you did not choose to participate in a teach-out plan approved by the Bureau or did not complete a chosen teach-out plan approved by the Bureau.

- **2.** You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution within the 120 day period before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, or were enrolled in an educational program within the 120 day period before the program was discontinued.
- **3.** You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution more than 120 days before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, in an educational program offered by the institution as to which the Bureau determined there was a significant decline in the quality or value of the program more than 120 days before closure.
- 4. The institution has been ordered to pay a refund by the Bureau but has failed to do so.
- **5.** The institution has failed to pay or reimburse loan proceeds under a federal student loan program as required by law, or has failed to pay or reimburse proceeds received by the institution in excess of tuition and other costs.
- **6.** You have been awarded restitution, a refund, or other monetary award by an arbitrator or court, based on a violation of this chapter by an institution or representative of an institution, but have been unable to collect the award from the institution.
- **7.** You sought legal counsel that resulted in the cancellation of one or more of your student loans and have an invoice for services rendered and evidence of the cancellation of the student loan or loans.

To qualify for STRF reimbursement, the application must be received within four (4) years from the date of the action or event that made the student eligible for recovery from STRF.

A student whose loan is revived by a loan holder or debt collector after a period of non-collection may, at any time, file a written application for recovery from STRF for the debt that would have otherwise been eligible for recovery. If it has been more than four (4) years since the action or event that made the student eligible, the student must have filed a written application for recovery within the original four (4) year period, unless the period has been extended by another act of law. However, no claim can be paid to any student without a social security number or a taxpayer identification number.

#### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSIONS POLICY

All international students must meet the same admissions standards as all other students (please refer to Admissions Requirements above). International students applying to SEVP-certified schools and requiring the school's sponsorship for international student visa status (Form I-20) must meet the additional requirements listed below. The school requires nonimmigrant students present in Visa Waiver, B-1, and B-2 status to change visa to F-1 or other qualifying status prior to enrolling in programs of study (other than avocational or recreational courses).

Important International Student Disclosure – International students attending the school under F-1 visas (Form I-20) are required to maintain a "full course of study" during each academic term of their programs of study. This is defined as a minimum of 12 credits per 16-week semester. Not more than 1 online course or 3 online credits per semester may be counted toward meeting the "full course of study" requirement.

THIS SCHOOL IS AUTHORIZED UNDER FEDERAL LAW TO ENROLL NONIMMIGRANT ALIEN STUDENTS.

#### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS REQUIRING FORM I-20 SPONSORSHIP

International students requiring an I-20 must submit the following items in addition to the standard documents required for admission:

• Original or official copies of all educational transcripts and diplomas (secondary and postsecondary if applicable).

- English language translation(s) of education transcripts and diplomas, if applicable.
- For non-U.S. transcripts or diplomas, an evaluation prepared by a professional foreign academic credential evaluation and translation service to confirm that prior training is equivalent to the prerequisite for admission.
- Proof of English Language Proficiency (see English Language Proficiency Policy)
- Proof of financial responsibility to cover costs of tuition and fees and living expenses for at least one academic year(official bank statements, Sponsor's Statement of Support, if required). Please note that all fees must be paid in United States currency.

Applicants for a campus-based degree program are required to obtain the proper visa in order to study full time. Nonimmigrant applicants residing in the United States at the time of application must submit a photocopy of the visa page contained within the student's passport as well as a photocopy of the student's I/94 arrival departure record (both sides). Nonimmigrant applicants residing in the United States at the time of application in either, F, M, or J non-immigrant classification must submit written confirmation of nonimmigrant status at previous school attended before transferring to the School.

International students requiring an I-20 who meet all Admissions Requirements and are subsequently accepted for enrollment, will be issued an I-20. It is the responsibility of each such international student to obtain an appropriate student visa from the US Department of State for attendance at Los Angeles Film School. It is the responsibility of each such international student to cover all requisite expenses associated with the acquisition of an appropriate student visa from the US Department of State. The issuance of an I-20 to an international student who has been accepted for enrollment is the extent to which Los Angeles Film School will "vouch" for student status to the US Department of State. Los Angeles Film School maintains an International Department staffed with individuals to provide international students guidance on the acquisition of appropriate student visas from the US Department of State.













