



The Cinema Audio Society is now accepting submissions for its 2026 Student Recognition Award. Students may submit a written or video application.

This award is intended to encourage students' interest in production and post-production sound mixing and to recognize individuals with exceptional and demonstrated passion for the field. The selection criteria will focus on the student's responses to questions via a written or video application, as well as a professor's recommendation letter and school transcripts.

Finalists will be selected and invited to attend the 62nd Cinema Audio Society Awards as guests of the CAS (travel expenses are not included). The Awards ceremony will be held on **March 6, 2027** at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles, CA, where the Student Recognition Award winner will be announced. The winner will receive their Award plus \$5,000, and all finalists will take home a gift bag filled with a variety of outstanding tools of the trade contributed by top audio manufacturers.

The Student Recognition Award competition is open to any student in good standing currently enrolled at an accredited institution. Students may be pursuing any major, but should have a demonstrated interest and some experience in sound mixing for audio production and/or audio post-production.

Please encourage all qualified students to apply.

A stylized, handwritten signature in white ink that reads 'Peter Kurland'.

Peter Kurland, CAS President



CAS STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARD

CAS will begin accepting applications on **August 17, 2026**.

All applications must be completed and submitted online no later than **November 10, 2026**.

The finalists for the CAS Student Recognition Award will be posted on the CAS website on Tuesday **December 15, 2026**.

The CAS Student Recognition Award winner will be announced at the 63rd Cinema Audio Society Awards on **March 6, 2027**.

ELIGIBILITY

Students must be enrolled and in good standing at an accredited college or university during any school term between **January 1, 2026** and **December 31, 2026**. Students at US or International institutions are eligible provided the school is accredited. All application materials must be submitted in English. Applicants cannot compete for more than 2 years consecutively. Student applications must be accompanied by a recommendation from a professor or instructor.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The CAS Student Recognition Award is given to an individual based on their enthusiasm and demonstrated potential in the field of sound mixing and/or sound recording, their academic accomplishments and the recommendation of a professor or instructor at the student's educational institution. It is not an award for excellence based on a specific student project. This award is intended for those students who have aspirations of pursuing a career in sound mixing and not for those seeking a career in sound editorial or film-making. From the eligible applications received, finalists will be selected. The finalists will then be required to submit a five-minute video example of their work, accompanied by a short explanation of the submission and their role(s) in its creation. We will also request a simple five-minute (maximum) video to introduce yourself to the judging panel.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must submit the following materials online:

- A. Unofficial transcript (please highlight and explain relevant coursework).
- B. List of projects in which you were the primary person responsible for production and/or post-production sound mixing.
- C. Either written or video application.
- D. A recommendation letter from a professor or instructor.

Please note: Once you have completed and submitted portions A through C of your application, a link will automatically be sent to your professor (via the email you provided) for them to submit their recommendation. We highly recommend that you follow up with your professor regarding their receipt of this link! Applications without recommendations will be considered incomplete.

Shortly after submitting your application and required documents, you will receive an email confirmation that your materials have been received.

Applications and all accompanying documents must be submitted no later than November 10, 2026 at 5:00 pm PT. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered..

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The CAS Student Recognition Award winner will be announced at the 63rd Cinema Audio Society Awards on **March 6, 2027**. The finalists will be invited to attend the Awards celebration as the guests of CAS. All travel expenses are the responsibility of the student nominees.

The Student Recognition Award and \$5000 will be presented to the winning student. All finalists will receive gift bags with a variety of outstanding tools of the trade contributed by top audio manufacturers. Any tax liability related to the cash award or gift bag is the responsibility of the student. The CAS will cover shipping charges up to \$300 USD.

All submitted materials become the property of the CAS and no materials will be returned. By submitting their materials, the applicant agrees to any usage by the CAS for educational and/or promotional purposes.

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CinemaAudioSociety.org/student-recognition-award



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