**ASSISTANCE**

**Emergency Assistance**
During times of crisis, the SAG-AFTRA 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.

**Cobra Assistance & Health Premium Assistance**
The SAG-AFTRA Foundation’s Cobra Assistance & Health Premium Assistance programs provide short-term financial grants to eligible SAG-AFTRA members and their families.

**Catastrophic Health Fund**
The SAG-AFTRA Foundation’s Catastrophic Health Fund 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.

**Dales Scholarships & Heller Memorial Scholarship**
There are three types of scholarships:

1. The John L. Dales Standard Scholarship is awarded to eligible SAG-AFTRA members and their dependents for study at accredited institutions of higher education.
2. The John L. Dales Transitional Scholarship is awarded to eligible SAG-AFTRA members to pursue related professions within the entertainment industry or change their career paths.
3. The George Heller Memorial Scholarship is awarded to eligible SAG-AFTRA members and their dependents for study at accredited institutions of higher education.

**PROGRAMS**

**Casting Access Online**
The SAG-AFTRA Foundation’s Casting Access Online program offers SAG-AFTRA members who reside in cities other than Los Angeles and New York the opportunity to participate in online, self-taped casting classes with notable casting directors from across the U.S. Casting Access Online also offers live online classes in locals across the United States a few times a year. Actors will perform and video chat with the specified casting director.

**The Business**
Performance is about the creating, but entertainment is about The Business. Through this program, actors receive first-hand tips and strategies from established creators, emerging voices, and industry professionals who know how to navigate the often complex waters of the entertainment world.

The Business panels provide multiple viewpoints from directors, producers, writers, agents, managers, casting directors, and industry experts on a wide range of topics such as Marketing and Audition Technique, Taxes and Financial Planning, Audiobook Narration, Independent Film Producing, and New Media. The Business programs are recorded and archived in our video gallery.

**Conversations**
We offer two types of Conversations. The first are Q&As with casts and principals of films, television, and Broadway shows. The second are two-hour Career Retrospectives with influential actors of our time. All Conversations are professionally moderated, recorded, and available in our video gallery. Conversations focus on personal experiences and artistic influences that inform and shape careers; discuss current and past projects; share valuable insights into the craft and industry; and preserve creative legacies.

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