



THE NEXT WAVE INITIATIVE

The Spike Lee Directing Scholarship Application

This scholarship is granted to a promising Black artist pursuing a collegiate education in direction for stage or screen. The winner will be awarded a scholarship payment of \$1,986 honoring 1986, the year Spike Lee made his directorial debut with *She's Gotta Have It*.

Name/Pronouns: _____

Hometown: _____ Ethnicity: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

High-School & Graduation Year :

College & Expected Graduation Year:

Please attach the following materials:

- An electronic copy of your college acceptance letter and/or proof of your college semester class schedule.
- A one-page mission statement explaining why you are a Next Wave Initiative Scholar. What are your goals as an artist? What stories do you seek to tell and how will you tell them? What is your vision for the future of the American Theatre/ Film and TV? What does directing mean to you?
- A resume of your directing thus far, including any pictures or links to archival footage. Every credit counts.

In one email, send all of the requested materials above, with your name + “Spike Lee App” in the subject line to nextwave@directorscompany.org. Applications will open November 15th, 2021 and must be submitted by January 15th, 2022 at 11:59pm EST. All Next Wave Initiative Finalists will be announced in Spring 2022. The second round of the selection process will include a Zoom interview with NWI founder Douglas Lyons.