

The Chuck Peterson Memorial Film & Video Fellowship Description

The Chuck Peterson Memorial Film & Video Fellowship is intended to assist upper level students in the Film and Video Production program at GVSU who are working on creative projects that support the nonprofit sector.

Fellowship Specifications:

Recipients of this fellowship should be currently enrolled at Grand Valley State University

(GVSU). They must be an undergraduate enrolled as a student with a declared major in Film and Video Production and shall be making satisfactory academic progress according to the norms established by the University.

The fellowship will support upper level students pursuing creative film/video work for the nonprofit sector. This work may be conducted as part of an internship, independent study, or independent project. The work should be completed within the year of receipt of the fellowship. A summary of the activity and/or works will be posted to the GVSU Film and Video website.

Background:

This fellowship was established by his family in memory and celebration of Charles “Chuck” W. Peterson ’83--filmmaker, husband, father, friend, and practical joker--whose passion for community and helping others inspired and impacted Grand Rapids’ nonprofit and film communities. Chuck earned an Arts and Media degree from the William James College at Grand Valley State University (GVSU) in 1983. After a brief start as an animator, he found his footing in a job he loved for 20 years as the station Manager/Affiliate Director for GRTV and the Grand Rapids Community Media Center (GRCMC), where he was a gifted teacher, mentor, and advocate. Chuck was a fierce free-speech advocate, as well as a mentor for artists and dreamers who found themselves drawn to that creative space. In Chuck’s freelance career, he specialized as a media producer for nonprofit organizations, taking on projects that served the common good. He created films for the Children’s Assessment Center, Healthy Homes Coalition, Kids’ Food Basket, Disability Advocates of Kent County, and the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. He served one year as a teaching artist at the West Michigan Center for Arts and Technology

(WMCAT). Chuck was a co-founder of the West Michigan Film Video Alliance, and he served the Michigan film/video community wherever possible, including in the development of youth media programs and film competitions.

You can learn more about Chuck and the Fellowship through [this](#) video.

To apply:

Complete the application form and email to Zacks@gvsu.edu by the date listed on the application.