

“Are you tired of the same old survival jobs?”

Are you interested in finding meaningful work and improving your earnings?

Would you like to enhance your network of contacts and be better rooted to the creative community?

Are you thinking about self-employment and need strategies to organize your talent, treasure and time?

Are you curious about specialized training, additional education or completing your degree? ”

**THE ACTORS FUND WORK PROGRAM** can lend a hand. Through career counseling, skills training, community events and job development we can help you find work you'll love and love the work you find... all while continuing to pursue a professional career in the entertainment and performing arts industry. To find out if you qualify please visit,

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**THE ACTORS FUND** is a national human services organization that helps everyone – performers and those behind the scenes – who works in performing arts and entertainment, helping nearly 12,000 people directly each year, and hundreds of thousands online. Serving professionals in film, theatre, television, music, opera, radio and dance, The Fund's programs include social services and emergency assistance, health care and insurance, housing, and employment and training services. With offices in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago, The Actors Fund has – for over 125 years – been a safety net for those in need, crisis or transition.

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Work Program  
(AWP)

FIND THE WORK YOU LOVE  
LOVE THE WORK YOU FIND

## The Actors Fund Work Program

is a comprehensive employment and training program that fosters resilience and self-reliance for professionals in the performing arts and entertainment industry. Using AWP services, participants can explore their interests, identify skills, and develop rewarding, creative, new and parallel careers.

## Get Connected

Creating connections is the key to succeeding in entertainment, performing arts careers, as well as the wider “world of work.” To ensure you connect with professional colleagues that will recognize and appreciate your skills and abilities, AWP offers a variety of seminars, groups and events.



**Networking** – AWP hosts networking events where you can learn networking skills, connect to colleagues and find employment opportunities both in and out of “the business.”

**Career Panels** – AWP regularly sponsors career panels that explore a wide range of topics, from fitness, to fashion, to public relations and so many others. At these sessions, you will hear from:

- Experts with up-to-date labor market information.
- Performing arts and entertainment industry professionals who have found new and rewarding sideline careers.

## Get to Know Yourself

**Individual Counseling** – AWP career counselors can help:

- Clarify strengths, goals and interests.
- Develop plans for new careers and parallel occupations.
- Offer successful strategies for finding, securing and maintaining employment.

In some cases, when further training or formal education is required, financial assistance and scholarships are available.

**Support Groups** – In conjunction with The Actors Fund Social Services department, AWP offers sessions that explore issues such as:

- The Multigenerational Workplace
- Being a Baby Boomer in the 21st Century
- Continuing a career in the Industry

## Get Trained



### Computer Labs & Classes

AWP maintains computer labs where you can access the web to

look for work. FREE training is also available for members at all levels of computer ability.

**Arts in Education** – The Actors Fund believes in the importance of the arts to society. For over a decade, AWP has introduced hundreds of artists to education organizations, after school programs, community organizations and senior centers in New York and Los Angeles as qualified, trained and committed teaching artists.



## Get Good at Getting Hired

There’s an art to selling your skills to the “world of work.” The staff of The Actors Fund Work Program can help you uncover your talents and teach you to market them to employers who will value your creative ability.

**“World Of Work” Resumes** – A resume is a story - *your* story. Learning to tell that story to an employer means translating your performing arts and entertainment experience into language used in the work place. AWP resume workshops will help you identify and market your strengths in a resume as well as in your cover and thank you letters.

**Job Seeking Skills** – Social networking, Internet job boards, temporary agencies, going door to door; finding a job in the 21st century takes careful planning, personal insight, hard work and tenacity. AWP offers weekly classes that can teach you how to find the best jobs, with the right employers, in the shortest possible time.

**Interview Techniques** – What you say and how you say it matters to an employer. Regardless of what field you are in, learning to present yourself as a consummate professional is key to landing a great job. AWP groups and seminars will ensure that you “knock it out of the park” when you interview. To help you further sharpen your interview skills, we also offer video recorded interview training.

**Job Development** – AWP is an excellent resource for employers. Many of the skills performing arts and entertainment professionals possess: communication, flexibility, creative problem solving, are highly valued by employers. AWP cultivates and maintains relationships with employers in a myriad of industries, and connects qualified people directly to employers.