

**PROGRAM:** New Mexico Film Mentorship Program **and the New Mexico** Film Workforce Training Programs have both been **suspended**, but are being reformed and will be included in the future. The following is what was formerly included in the workbook, but please contact the Film Office for specifics on what the program will be like in the future.

**AGENCY:** The New Mexico Economic Development Department , Film Division

**DESCRIPTIONS:** The Mentorship program provides a wage reimbursement to production companies who provide on-the-job training to New Mexico film crew members. The Workforce Training program provides film and media training courses to New Mexico residents interested in entering the film industry.

**PROGRAM STRUCTURES:**

- Maximum benefits for both programs include: fifty percent of wages can be reimbursed to the production company. After completing 1040 hours of work on actual productions, the trainee is eligible to join IATSE and become a professional union member.

**QUALIFICATION CRITERIA/COMMENTS:**

- Eligible production companies create feature films, television programs, commercials, documentaries, music videos, or public service announcements.
- For the Mentorship program, a department head must agree to mentor the individual in a new job classification on the production.
- The New Mexico Film Division will provide a list of qualified trainees and appropriate workforce forms. At the conclusion of production, the Film Office will process reimbursement of trainee wages.
- The New Mexico Film Office and IATSE Local 480 must officially approve trainees prior to the start of production.
- Please visit their homepage at <http://www.nmfilm.com/> or contact the Film Office at 505-827-9810.