PIONEERS SSISTAN FUND



Pictured at left is the first meeting place of the Picture Pioneers, Inc. on July 18, 1939.

In May of 1949, the Motion Picture Pioneers formalize Marvin Kircsh's idea and create "The Foundation of the Motion Picture Pioneers." The documented purpose was "to establish a self-perpetuating fund to assist pioneers of the motion picture industry who find themselves in need: the assistance to consist of direct financial aid, medical care and temporary business subsistence during periods of unemployment and unfortunate circumstances to eligible applicants."

We provide financial assistance and supportive counseling for feature film professionals nationwide -in trade services (IATSE members), exhibition, and distribution who are experiencing hardship due to illness, accident, or underemployment.

Short Term Financial Grants

Depending on eligibility, we can assist with financial grants that pay for unexpected medical costs and/or assistance with cost of living expenses. Visit our website for a full list of services, or call one of our social workers today to find out how we can help.

The Salah Hassanein Medical Grant can pay for the following services (minimum of 5 years employment):

Dental

Medical fees and co-pays Hearing aids Medications Psychotherapy Health Insurance Premiums Medical equipment

The Bernie Myerson Emergency Grant can pay for the following (minimum of 10 recent years employment):

Rent and utilities Food and household necessities Moving expenses Burial or cremation fees Vocational assistance

The Tom Sherak **Pioneer Grant**

Recently named after Tom Sherak, film industry icon and past president of the Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation, this grant provides long-term assistance for industry veterans with a minimum of 25 years in exhibition or distribution. Please call for eligibility and program guidelines.

A CAUSE FROM THE GOLDEN AGE. N FOR TOMO

Saranac Lake, NY Board Meeting at Will Rogers Hospital, Summer 1966

After becoming permanently disabled, I needed to reduce my

expenses. The Pioneers Assistance Fund helped pay for moving

expenses so I could be closer to my family in a less expensive area.

-Film Buyer

Always there to lend a hand or a lasso.

Need to talk?

Our team of social workers is knowledgeable about agencies and services nationwide and is here to provide information and referrals, regardless of eligibility. Whether you are in need of financial assistance or not, give us a call for a free, confidential consultation.

What constitutes a life well spent, anyway? Love and admiration from your fellow men is all that anyone can ask. WILL ROGERS



We can help with a range of concerns, including:

Career counseling

A supportive, listening ear as you experience job-related challenges in our ever-changing industry.

Grief counseling

We can provide a safe, confidential place to express feelings of grief and sadness resulting from loss due to injury, illness or death.

Budgeting skills

Our relationship with our money matters. Call for a free budgeting worksheet to help track spending and encourage savings.



Elder care guidance

We can help you navigate the Medicare system, get you thinking about retirement, and discuss everything from senior living communities to advanced directives.

Community referrals

Find out what services you are eligible for in your community that may help you live a better life.

Please call about our free materials on health and wellness.

My husband's sudden death left me drained, both financially and emotionally. The Pioneers Assistance Fund not only assisted with burial expenses, but also provided supportive bereavement counseling to me and my daughters. -Marketing Coordinator



"After my wife's cancer diagnosis, we could no longer rely on her income. The Pioneers Assistance Fund helped us get through the toughest months of our lives." – Theater Manager

"My back problems became too much to bear and I had to file for disability. As I waited for payments I used up all my savings. I would have lost my home if the Pioneers Assistance Fund hadn't helped with my mortgage payment to prevent foreclosure." – Exhibitor Employee

We looked at those in need and saw ourselves.

You don't have to donate to the Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation to receive assistance. Becoming a donor today gives you the satisfaction of helping a fellow industry member get through a difficult time.

Call our social workers for questions on eligibility and the other services we provide.



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