

# THE ENTERTAINMENT CAREER CONNECTION, INC.

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### Entertainment Career Connection Offers Students a Sallie Mae Financial Aid Specialist to Prepare Loan Applications

**–Film, radio and recording students are ten times more likely to qualify for loans that are prepared by a Sallie Mae specialist–**

**Los Angeles, California, July 10, 2008**–The Entertainment Career Connection, Inc., offering alternative film, radio and [recording school alternative](#) certificate programs in all aspects of filmmaking, radio broadcasting and audio engineering, today announced that due to the company's Sallie Mae financial aid package more students have been able to get a start toward their career dreams with the Recording Connection, Radio Connection, and the Film Connection. A free service, the Entertainment Connection has a Sallie Mae specialist who prepares student applications, which makes it ten times more likely for students to qualify. Sallie Mae is the nation's leading provider of student loans.

Sallie Mae student loans cover the entire tuition cost and also loans up to 60 percent in additional funds specifically for living expenses and/or equipment purchases. Students 18 years of age or older with good credit may qualify for a zero down, low interest loan, starting at Prime Rate + 0%, and take up to 15 years to pay it back. Entertainment Career Connection also provides other funding choices for those who don't qualify for Sallie Mae.

"We started the new Sallie Mae student loan program in April of this year, and the program has financed about 84 students since then," said Entertainment Career Connection's Founder and Chief Executive Officer James (Jimi) Petulla.

Over the last 24 years more than 6,000 students have graduated from Entertainment Career Connection programs, creating a vast alumni network worldwide. The company provides mentor apprentice programs for the entertainment arts including the [film, radio, television and music recording](#) industries. A fully accredited academic institution, the Entertainment Career Connection programs are certified by the National Private Schools Accreditation Alliance with mentor programs in more than 100 U.S. cities in all fifty states. With corporate headquarters in Los Angeles, California and New York City, the Entertainment Career Connection programs are unlike any others, as students learn from successful mentors in real world situations in real studio and film sets as opposed to simulated classrooms.

Nationally, nearly two dozen student loan lenders have announced they are restricting, suspending or terminating new loans to students through the Federal Family Education Loan Program, or FFEL, the federally-guaranteed, low-cost initiative that provided college financing last year to seven million students.

#### **About Entertainment Career Connection, Inc.**

Founded in 1984, the Entertainment Career Connection, Inc., a fully accredited academic institution certified by the National Private Schools Accreditation Alliance, has provided mentor apprentice programs for the film, radio, television and the music recording industries in more than 100 U.S. cities in all 50 states. The programs, where graduates find their dream careers, provide the entertainment industry with apprentices and entry level employees. The Entertainment Career Connection offers a complete financial aid package from Sallie Mae the nation's leading provider of student loans, and other financial aid programs.

Entertainment Career Connection has a reputation for having the finest radio, music production and [film school alternative](#) curriculums in the entertainment media industry. Unlike any other school, students learn from successful mentors in real world situations including active recording studio sessions, on real film sets and at actual on air radio stations as opposed to simulated classrooms where the pressures of client interaction and real deadlines do not exist.

The company is headquartered at Hollywood and Vine, by the historic Walk of Fame in Los Angeles, California. Visit [www.film-connection.com](http://www.film-connection.com), [www.radioconnection.com](http://www.radioconnection.com) or [www.recordingconnection.com](http://www.recordingconnection.com).

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