



BENEFITS OF VES MEMBERSHIP

The Visual Effects Society (VES) is the premiere organization representing the very best creative minds in the VFX industry. We are a professional, honorary society dedicated to advancing the art and technology of visual effects representing the decision-makers, innovators, and trailblazers of the entertainment industry. Visual Effects Society members enjoy:

GLOBAL RECOGNITION

- VES members will enjoy the distinction of being a part of the only Honorary Society representing the full breadth of VFX practitioners working in film, television, commercials, animation, special venues, games and new media.
- VES enjoys a high-profile in media worldwide, garnering hundreds of press stories each year. Our growing social media network footprint has nearly 200,000 followers.

INDUSTRY INSIDERS

- Online access to the VES Member Directory of more than 4,000 of the top VFX professionals in over 40 countries around the world.
- Participation in choosing the winners of the Annual VES Awards through online voting.
- The VES Awards online View & Vote includes before and after shot breakdowns of 25 categories of each year's top visual effects work.

UNPARALLELED NETWORKING

- From Local Section events to worldwide peer-to-peer in person and online discussion forums, you can build important professional and social relationships that will have far reaching benefits for your future career, allowing you to advance even higher in your profession.
- Access to attend any free or member discounted VES educational or social event or screening held in any VES Section around the world, including Australia, the San Francisco Bay Area, France, Georgia, Germany, India, London, Los Angeles, Montreal, New York, New Zealand, Toronto, Vancouver and Washington state.*

MEMBER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) by LifeWorks

- Confidential support service that can help VES members solve a wide range of problems and challenges at no cost to you.
- Timely, qualified assistance and support to help manage all of life's complexities 24/7 offering private one-on-one counseling services as well as a wealth of resources available exclusively to VES members with webinars and events on various life concerns and so much more!

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- VES Members across the globe may run for a seat on the VES Board of Directors, and members within a Section may run for a seat on their local Board of Managers.
- Members may also serve on one of many global VES Committees.

FREE SCREENERS and SCREENINGS

- The studios send Awards Season year-end digital/Blu-ray/DVD Studio Screeners or may provide apps or links to stream their films to VES Members. (The studios determine which screeners they send out, and they also decide whether or not to send out screeners worldwide or just to members in the U.S.)
- In-person screenings are available in VES Sections throughout the year *

EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTS

- Discounted VES Awards Submission fees for each VES member.
- Two discounted tickets for the VES Awards Show for each VES member (the discount on one ticket exceeds the cost of annual membership).*

FREE SUBSCRIPTIONS to keep you on top of the industry news.

- Free print subscription of the award-winning *VFX VOICE* magazine, the quarterly periodical of the Visual Effects Society. Free access to our online magazine VFXVoice.com.
- Free subscription to the digital edition of Weekly *VARIETY*. (VES members in North America also receive print edition in the mail.)
- Free subscription to the digital edition of *ANIMATION MAGAZINE*. (VES members receive 50% off subscriptions to the print edition.)
- Free awards season mailings for VES members in the US of *ANIMATION MAGAZINE* and *THE WRAP*.

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS & RESOURCES to keep you up to date on the latest industry innovations.

- Access to exclusive VES programming including the *Ask Me Anything: VFX Pros Tell All* and *VFX Pros: Home Edition* webcast series, *VES 70 Talks* and a robust collection of luminaries Interviews.
- Online access to the Virtual Production Resource Center webpage with educational webinars, tutorials and articles geared toward getting VFX practitioners ready for the high demand jobs in virtual production.
- Online access to VES White Papers, scholarly articles, the VES Technology Committee's Work from Home (WFH) Best Practices, the VES Camera Report, as well as industry standards in business and technology and Security Best Practices.
- Online access to the VES Website Video Gallery with thousands of videos of current and past educational events, VES Awards shows, Q&A panels, archived VES Summits and VES Festivals, as well as all of the clips of nominated and winning work from the past 18 VES Awards.
- Online access to the VES Digital Archives, showcasing the treasures and techniques that embody VFX through exclusive video interviews, props, paintings, printed materials and other assets.
- Discounts for online and in-person classes on the latest tools of our industry.

INSURANCE BENEFITS **

- U.S. members have access to self-paid health insurance through Scott Brandt at either scottb@academybenefits.tv or (818) 451-4653.
- Canadian members in every province except Quebec have access to self-paid supplemental health insurance through Arbutus Financial at either info@arbutusfinancial.com or (604) 731-1100 or toll free 1 (877) 228-2171.

Please visit <https://www.visualeffectssociety.com/membership-benefits/> for a full listing of VES exclusive benefits.

If you have five years of experience in the VFX industry, you may be eligible to join. Please go to <https://www.visualeffectssociety.com/membership-application/> in order to learn more and apply for membership.

* In-person events may not be prudent during a pandemic at the discretion of local governments.

** Access to self-paid VES health is only available to members within the US, and self-paid Canadian supplemental healthcare is available to members in every Canadian province except Quebec.