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American Photographic Artists (APA) Partners with Lucie Foundation to Offer First-Ever \$5k Photography Scholarship

Atlanta, GA September 28, 2011—[American Photographic Artists \(APA\)](#) is proud to announce its APA/Lucie Foundation Scholarship available to a deserving established professional photographer for a specific project in the amount of \$5,000 through its partnership with the [Lucie Foundation](#). APA desires to support and encourage growth and professional development, and is excited to partner with the Lucie Foundation for the 2012 grant cycle to show its commitment to advancing professional photography.

"This is the first year we are offering our own photography scholarship and I'm very proud to be a part of the program," comments APA's National President, Theresa Raffetto. "Tony Gale and Michael Grecco who head our scholarship committee worked diligently to make this a reality. Partnering with the Lucie Foundation has been a wonderful collaboration and we are grateful for the support they have offered."

Professional photographers interested in applying for the scholarship will be asked to write a one-page description of the project for which they are seeking funding. Applicants can [apply online](#) after the process opens after the announcement at the Lucies onstage on November 1, 2011 and will close on April 30, 2012.

"As a photographic educator I see the need for new ways to help photographers along their individual path," adds APA National Board Member & APA New York Chapter Representative, Tony Gale. "By joining with the Lucies on this scholarship, I see tremendous potential to continue to make a very positive impact on the photographic industry."

The photography scholarship selection committee will be comprised of one representative from APA, as well as the Lucie Foundation Founder, Hossein Farmani, and Executive Director of the Lucie Foundation, Cat Jimenez.

"APA is proud to be working with such a prestigious organization as the Lucie Foundation," remarks APA National Vice President and Chair of the Advocacy Committee, Michael Grecco. "We partnered with them knowing they would be the best people to administer something as important as [our own scholarship](#)."

The Lucie Foundation's support of photography is broad, from photojournalism to fashion photography, digital to medium format, including every other category and subcategory. The organization's concern isn't with genre, but rather to support visionaries producing work that is at once gripping, and original.

About the Lucie Foundation

The Lucie Foundation's three-fold mission is to honor master photographers, discover and cultivate emerging talent and celebrate the appreciation of photography worldwide. Signature programs include the annual Lucie Awards recognizing and honoring the greatest achievements in photography, annually, and The Month of Photography Los Angeles. The Lucie Foundation (<http://www.luciefoundation.org>) is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable foundation.

About American Photographic Artists (APA)

The American Photographic Artists (<http://www.apanational.com>) is a leading national organization run by and for professional photographers. With a culture that promotes a spirit of mutual cooperation, sharing and support, APA offers outstanding benefits, educational programs and essential business resources to help its members achieve their professional and artistic goals. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia with chapters in Atlanta, Los Angeles, the Midwest, New York, San Diego, San Francisco, Charlotte, the Northwest and Washington, DC, APA strives to improve the environment for photographic artists and clear the pathways to success in the industry. Recognized for its broad industry reach, APA continues to expand benefits for its members and works to champion the rights of photographers and image-makers worldwide.

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