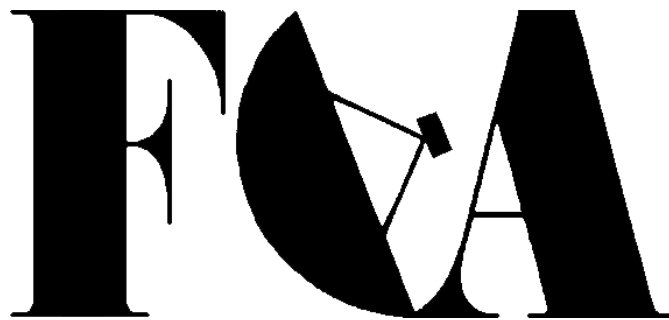


VOLUNTEER BENEFITS

*What's In It For **YOU** !*

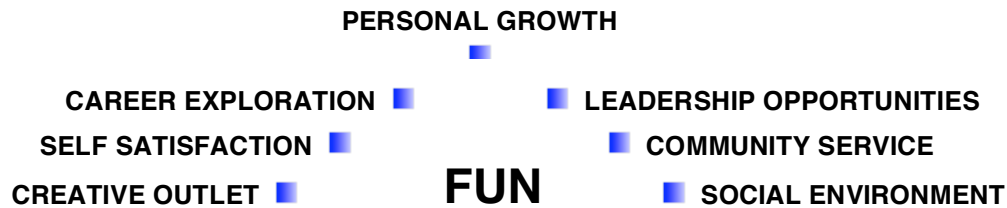


**ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO GET INVOLVED
WITH FOXBORO CABLE ACCESS**

Foxboro Cable Access ... What's In It For You?

Volunteers are the backbone of Foxboro Cable Access. We encourage people from all walks of life to become involved in local public access television and help us provide a valuable service to the Foxborough community. As an organization, we are dedicated to maximizing the use of equipment and facilities that are available to the town as part of the license agreement with our local cable provider, Comcast Corporation. That requires a lot of real work, and you, the volunteer, may wonder what makes it all worth the effort.

Over the years, an overwhelming number of volunteers will cite one or more these intangible benefits:



To many, these intangibles are enough to compensate for some long hours, and a list of other challenging situations, but there's more ...

MEMBERSHIP: Unlike a majority of public access centers nationwide, FCA does not charge a fee to organizations or individuals to participate.

TRAINING: All training programs are offered free of charge to anyone who lives or works in the town of Foxborough.

LENDING LIBRARY: We have collected an assortment of books and training videos with more detailed information on public access television and techniques of many specific areas of production. These are available for short-term loan to anyone who is interested.

EQUIPMENT: State-of-the-art video production equipment is available for loan on a no charge / reservation basis to any trained user who wants to create programs of their own interest for playback on Channel 8.

FACILITIES: FCA maintains a full studio & control room, both linear and non-linear editing suites, dubbing center and a mobile studio, as well as independent cablecast consoles in several locations around town. They are available for use by any trained user on a no charge / reservation basis.

VIDEOTAPE STOCK: There is no charge for master or source tape in SVHS, VHS, 3/4" format. Producers are only expected to cover the cost of videotape used for dub copies of their programs, which they choose to give guests.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS: Provided free to use with your programs.

COPYRIGHT-FREE MUSIC: A wide selection is available to fit any time length/mood.

If that's not enough, there's more ...

OFFICE: Producers and crew volunteers are welcomed to use the FCA office, its telephone, post office box #, computer, office machinery, and supplies to prepare materials for their program, or conduct activity related to their production. A computer with internet access is available to volunteers who need to research information for their productions or access email accounts.

PRODUCTION BUDGET: There is a small budget available to producers to use at their discretion for crew refreshments, minor production supplies, or set décor. Upon written request, proposals for larger expenditures will be entertained by the FCA Board of Directors.

BULLETIN BOARD PROMOTION: In addition to routine publication of scheduled playback times, special feature pages can be created on our local Channel 8 bulletin board to provide more detailed information to the community about your program.

ENTRY FEES FOR VIDEO COMPETITIONS: Foxboro Cable Access will fund the cost of entry fees for any producer who would like to submit their program for judging in any of the regional or national video festivals or competitions that are held annually. FCA staff will be glad to meet with you to further explain this process.

GRATATUITIES: Over the years, FCA has tried to show their appreciation to its volunteers for the wonderful work that they do with a variety of small tokens: pins, pens, calculators, mugs, cups, and datebooks. Periodically, we will get specially designed tee-shirts, polo shirts, or hats for distribution to everyone. Volunteers who have shown a long-term commitment, especially to remote shoots around the community, have been given Channel 8 Crew Jackets.

APPRECIATION & AWARDS: From time to time, FCA has tried to foster an esprit de corps among the volunteers, staff and directors by hosting a more festive Appreciation Night Event, or Social Hour at the Annual Meeting. In the past, various awards and recognitions have been given out to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of individuals throughout the year.

TUITION RE-IMBURSEMENT: The FCA Board of Directors established a tuition reimbursement program in the mid-1980's to encourage volunteers to further their education in the Communications field, and reward them with financial assistance commensurate with a prescribed number of volunteer hours of service toward the FCA community. Information on this program is available through the FCA Operations Manager.

\$1000 SCHOLARSHIP: Although the FCA Scholarship is open to any member of the community who is pursuing a higher education in the Communications field, whenever possible, preference has always been given to volunteers or students in the FHS Communication Arts program.

Last, but certainly not least ...

STAFF: Over the course of its 20-year history, Foxboro Cable Access, Inc. has significantly increased the percentage of its annual budget, which is devoted to staffing. From a minimal few part time students needed to perform playback functions in the early 1980's, we grew to include part time office staff primarily dedicated to corporate record keeping, assistance to the Board of Directors, and the publication of the Channel 8 Program Schedule. Members of the Board of Directors served voluntarily as Operating Managers in the areas of Programming, Production, Awareness and Finance, and producers were expected to be committed and self-sufficient ... also to show leadership as mentors to new volunteers and crew. That model served us well until very recently.

With changes in the license agreement in 1998, it became necessary for Foxboro Cable Access to support a full time professional to provide training, equipment maintenance and facility management. Although the office and playback functions are still performed by part time employees, advances in playback and bulletin board technology have required a higher degree of training and more time to meet the basic needs of our operation.

This translates into a solid support structure for volunteers, whether they are new trainees or experienced independent producers. The key to successful public access television has always been an environment which fosters independent activity by committed volunteers. No amount of staff time will replace the satisfaction of bringing an idea into reality through your own hard work and creative use of media.

HOURS OF OPERATION: FCA offers increased hours of operation during the week, and regular evening and weekend hours. Alternative times can often be arranged by appointment.

STAFF ASSISTANCE: When a higher degree of technical expertise is needed, or just basic moral support during early phases of the learning process, FCA staff is available, by appointment, to focus on the specific needs of your production.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING: A custom designed training workshop can be arranged for you and/or a small group of volunteers with a common interest.

INPUT AND ADVICE: Although we cannot create promotional materials for your program, we can offer insights into effective methods of promotion, and coaching in the use of computer software or other tools which are available to you.

PROGRAM SCHEDULING: All programs are scheduled as channel time becomes available, but certain accommodations can be made for specific time slots, or dates, if you make arrangements in advance with the Programming staff.