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Storage to Make Movies and Memories

Project Summary:

I am seeking funding to obtain storage space that I'll need to create very memory-intensive projects in film and theater. This includes a 14 TB hard drive, four 128 GB SD cards, and card cases/readers for high-definition filmmaking and 3D motion capture animation.

This year, I'm filming a professional documentary with a psychology professor at UVA, filming my short film for the Overcranked class in the Drama Department, and creating a motion-capture performance with Mona Kasra for my independent research. Sufficient to say, this will all require a lot of memory and storage methods that I don't currently have.

With these large external storage devices, I'll be able to properly organize all my media projects from throughout college and for many more years to come. I'd especially like the 14 TB hard drive to be the central hub of all my projects and portfolio. Having this amount of memory easily accessible through my computer will also allow me to download and try new tools for motion capture and special effects— such as the program, Unreal, which requires a whopping 50GB just to download.

Once I unlock the ability to store and manipulate large files, the professionalism and technicality of my projects in theater and film will be truly limitless. And once I've organized my portfolio into one central hub, I'll create a storage system that I'll use for years to come.

Timeline:

Oct 2021

- Purchase the hard drive, SD cards, card case, and card reader.
- Immediately put them to use! I can use the external hard drive right away to store files from prior performances and films I've acted in or created myself.

Dec 2021

- Use the 14 TB hard drive for years to come.
- Reuse the SD cards for upcoming film projects – I'd like to upgrade to 4K quality.
- Any leftover money from the grant will be used on motion capture programs and assets.

Budget:

| Expense | Description | Total (Estimates) |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| 14 TB External Hard Drive | Will be the central hub for all my projects for years to come. Will also be utilized in my current work. | \$299.99 |
| Four 128GB SD Cards | Will help me film hours' worth of ultra HD or 4K footage. | \$93.96 |
| 36 Slot Memory Card Case | To store all my micro and regular SD cards. | \$9.99 |
| SD Card Reader | Can read four cards simultaneously, including CFast cards. | \$16.99 |
| Total Cost: | | \$420.93 |

