

# Shelby Wertsbaugh

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## Personal statement

I currently work as a key grip in the United States film industry, based in Nashville, TN. However, I'm looking to further develop my skills by working in the New Zealand entertainment industry. I am passionate about finding the most efficient way to rig safely, with the least amount of gear, and quickly to keep things moving. I enjoy the physically demanding aspect of gripping, while reaping a very rewarding work day and end product.

## Work history

**Key Grip**, Various Commercials and Music Videos, Nashville, TN  
June 2014 – Present

Constituting the grip department, I lead a team of two to five grips, working closely with the camera department, providing camera support, dolly movement, and/or special rigging. I also work hand-in-hand with the electric department to create the lighting set-ups necessary for each shot. It's crucial we work safely and quickly, foreseeing what is needed before it is asked. I ensure all assisted camera movement is as seamless as possible.

Responsibilities:

- Location scouting and creating an order within budget
- Hiring grip department crew
- Setting up and tearing down multiple sets at a time
- Meeting and exceeding the demands of the Director of Photography

**Grip**, Movies, Commercials, Music Videos, TV Series, Nashville, TN  
February 2012 –

Worked as part of a dedicated grip team for multiple feature films across the United States including; Gone Girl, Same Kind of Different as Me, Woodlawn and more. I also worked on music videos for countless artists such as; Kings of Leon, Kelly Clarkson, Blake Shelton, Keith Urban, Jack White, and many more.

Responsibilities:

- Laying dolly track
- Maintaining equipment
- Payroll and paperwork handling when Best Boy
- Setting up flags, rags, and frames to shape light
- Ensuring all rigs are safe

**Airstar Balloon Tech**, Airstar, Orlando, FL  
June 2010 – December 2012

This was a part-time job while completing my Bachelor of Science in film at Full Sail University of Orlando, FL. I worked with a specialty lighting company, maintaining balloons in the warehouse, and going out on gigs.

Strengths and achievements:

- Loading and driving company trucks
- Repairing and maintaining all Airstar Balloons
- Developing excellent customer service skills
- Becoming proficient with all G&E and balloon lighting equipment

## Education

### **Bachelor of Science in Film**

Full Sail University, Orlando, Florida, 2012 (academic transcript available on request).

## Interests and hobbies

I am a very active person and enjoy skydiving, tramping, mountain biking, motorbikes, rock climbing, surfing, and anything else under the sun. I currently finished two months of solo hiking all over the South Island, and completely fell in love with this country! I love learning new things, and picking up new hobbies wherever I go. Hopefully, I'll be able to sail by the time I leave Wellington!

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