

# DAKOTA SHEPERD

Animator and Motion  
Graphics Artist

## Contact



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## Education

August 2018

### BFA Animation

Brigham Young University  
– Provo, UT

## Program Skills

After Effects

Photoshop

Illustrator

Maya/Houdini

## Awards

October 2019

**Student Academy Award / Gold**  
for *Grendel*, student film

## Profile

I graduated with a BFA in Animation from Brigham Young University and since then have worked a variety of jobs doing freelance animation full time, as well as some time as a motion graphics specialist.

Whether working for myself or for a company, I value variety in my day-to-day, as well as the chance to learn new things! I want to keep developing my skills as a visual communicator, and help tell great stories.

## Professional Experience

August 2018 – Present

### Freelance Animator/Artist

- Working mostly independently I create animations and/or creative assets for businesses and individuals. I frequently take on projects where I handle full production from start to finish.
- Storyboarding, asset creation, a variety of animation, and editing.

April 2021 – October 2022

Salt Lake City, UT

### Motion Graphics Specialist at Primary Residential Mortgage

- Working sometimes independently and sometimes as a team I created animated videos to be used by the marketing department.
- Taught and trained others in the department on After Effects techniques.
- Assisted on set and took on video/audio editing when needed.

April 2016 – September 2018

Provo, UT

### Animation Artist and Student Lead at BYU Independent Study

- We created animations for BYU Independent Study, online courses, etc. As a student lead, I taught other animators and oversaw projects.
- Responsibilities:
  - Asset Creation
  - Animation in After Effects and Maya
  - Story Boarding
  - Teaching and Managing
  - Visual Development