Submission Form – 2013 Student Digital Film Festival

Purpose of the Festival: To acknowledge students for achievement in digital film and video.
Entry Fee: $10 per applicant. Each applicant may submit **no more than three films**
Eligibility: All entries must be student produced (K-12 and community college) for youth and college division entries, faculty may act in an advisory capacity only. Entries that do not comply with this eligibility may submit under
Deadlines: The standard deadline for entries is **February 13, 2013**.
Submission of Entries: Entries must be mailed, shipped or delivered for judging to the address as listed on the attached entry form, and must include this entry form for the appropriate awards division. Links may be sent for judging but for best quality for film festival viewing a data DVD will be required or permission to download video from website is acceptable as well.
Divisions:

College: 2 Year Community College
Youth: 6-12th Grade
*Community: Films in which an adult has a major role in production decisions; eligible for Community Group award
*University Showcase: 4 year-university juniors and seniors; eligible for showcase only
*Community Member Showcase: A non-student film, all ages accepted (films submitted in this division do not compete for awards)

Judging: A team of media professionals, faculty, staff and student peers will judge all entries. Entries will be judged on technical quality and content. The judges have the authority to determine that no entry is suitable as a winner in any category. Finalists will be announced in mid March 2013. Festival jurors may also award **Honorable Mentions** at their discretion.
Awards: First, second and third-place entries will receive a certificate and first-place films will receive a trophy, plus possible additional awards.
Awards for each of the categories will be made in two divisions: 2-year College and Youth; in addition, a Community Group and University Showcase award will be given. Accepted entries will be screened in the Film Festival at the new Oxnard College Performing Arts Building March 29th and 30th, 2013
ENTRY DEADLINES: February 13, 2013

AWARD CATEGORIES

Categories

- Comedy Short
- Dramatic Short
- Horror/ Thriller
- Music Video
- News
- Documentary
- Experimental Video/ EFX
- P.S.A./ Commercial
- X-Sport/Sports/Event

2013 Special Category

- Social Justice Film
- *Community Group
- *University Showcase

Additional Awards:

- People's Choice (Chosen by the festival audience)
- All Star Award - Given to the school with the highest cumulative score of all entries)

ENTRY GUIDELINES, Each entry must include:

- Entry fee of $10 for all entries submitted by February 13, 2013 in a DVD or on-line submission (One per disk) Up to 3 films may be submitted for a single entry fee.
- **For best quality, you may submit a marked Data DVD** with a MOV, AVI, WMV, MP4, or MPG with a resolution NO SMALLER than 640x480 (the bigger the better) N**ote: you may submit an online link but for best viewing results in the theatre please send a DVD.**
- Foreign Language films must have English subtitles
- All films must must **NOT exceed 15 minutes**, all films over 15 minutes will not be subject to review
- Completed entry form (signed and dated) for the appropriate category. Please type or print legibly using a separate form for each video submission. Photocopies may be used. Mail to Oxnard Student Digi Film Festival, c/o Oxnard College, 4000 S. Rose Ave, Oxnard, CA 93033, or email to octvfilmfest@gmail.com

ELIGIBILITY:

- All entries must be directed, produced and edited by students (except in the Community Category)
- A copy of a current student ID, or signature of teacher or mentor must be included with the application.

ENTRY FEES:

$10 Entry Fee: Checks or money orders should be made out to **Oxnard College**. Any entries not accompanied by a check or money order for the appropriate amount will *not* be considered for inclusion in the festival.

RETURN OF ENTRIES:DVDs will not be returned unless accompanied by a self-addressed, pre-paid shipping package.

MEDIA FORMATS: Formats accepted for festival screening are as follows: DVD, on-line submission (send a link)

- For best quality, you may submit a marked Data DVD with a MOV, AVI, WMV, MP4, MPG or SWF with a resolution NO SMALLER than 640x480 (the bigger the better)

Shipping Address: Student Digital Film Festival c/o OCTV, Oxnard College, 4000 S. Rose Ave. Oxnard, CA 93033
For more information, check studentdigifilmfest.org, or call 805-253-3585 or octvfilmfest@gmail.com.

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

Comedy Short: Make us laugh... or at least snicker.

Dramatic Short: A drama should make us feel something. It can be the whole story, or a scene out of a larger work.

Music Video: Video that is tied to a song. (See rule #14)

Horror/Thriller: A story told in your native tongue. (Must have English Subtitles)

News: Here is where news reports go, the oral history project you did, or video with a point of view. This category is for videos over 2 minutes (anything under that length may fit in the PSA category)

Documentary/Advocacy Video: Here is where news reports go, the oral history project you did, or video with a point of view. This category is for videos over 2 minutes (under may fit in the PSA category)

Special Effects/Animation Video/Experimental Video: Here is where you show off your version of reality: Alien craft buzzing the Esplanade, or cartoons or stop action video… This category covers a wide range. If it doesn't fit into anything else, this is a good category.

P.S.A (Public Service Announcement)/Commercial: Here's the place for the video you made promoting something, whether it's healthy living or going to prom. Length should be under 2 minutes.

X-Sport/ Sport/ Event: Skate Boarding, BMX, Football, Extreme Frisbee... got a video featuring a sport? This is the category for it (Must not exceed 15min limit)

Social Justice: A video that exemplifies social justice at work to better our society.

Community Video: Video in any category made as a group effort where the teacher/mentor/adult is in the credits and plays a major role in production (does not pertain to acting).

University Showcase: 4 year-university juniors and seniors; eligible for showcase only.

Community Member Showcase: A non-student film, all ages accepted, films submitted in this division do not compete for awards

Entry Rules

All rules are determined by the Student Digital Film Festival. Rules may be amended by Student Digital Film Festival at any time. The Student Digital Film Festival is the final authority on all matters involving the contest. The contest is open to all student media creators. Failure to follow the procedures can result in disqualification.

1. Each submission must be submitted with a signed Entry Form.
2. Forms must be typed or legibly printed and completed in their entirety.
3. Videos must be submitted on DVD or online; if accepted for screening, a DVD or .mov file will need to be submitted.
4. Maximum 15-minute length for each submission
5. Each video submission may be entered in only one category.
6. A separate DVD must be provided for each submission.
7. $10 Entry Fee must be included. Checks or money orders should be made out to **Oxnard College**. Any entries not accompanied by a check or money order for the appropriate amount will *not* be considered for inclusion in the festival. (Early Bird entry fee $5 if submitted before October 27, 2012)
8. Up to 3 videos may be submitted as part of each entry for the same $10 fee.
9. For best quality, you may submit a marked Data DVD with a MOV, AVI, WMV, MP4, MPG or SWF with a resolution NO SMALLER than 640x480 (the bigger the better)
10. DVD label must include: Entrant name, school, category, title, submission length and division.
11. **DO NOT** send your only copy/ master.
12. Submissions must be original student work, including the script. Teacher/mentors cannot be listed in a significant crew position in the credits. (Community Division is exempt from this rule)
13. Works may not have been created for commercial cable or broadcast stations or related organizations. All submissions must have been created while you were a student, between January 1, 2009 and November 1, 2012.
14. By signing, entrants affirm that their work does not inappropriately use copyrighted material. (If you have questions about copyright, contact OCTV at 986-5817.) The Student Digital Film Festival or its sponsoring organizations are not responsible for any misuse of copyrighted or licensed materials.
15. The readability of the DVD is the responsibility of the entrant. The following guidelines shall apply: DVDs must be finalized and "compatibility tested" on a different DVD player than the one used to burn entry; paper DVD labels are not recommended; instead use a permanent marker to print the required information on the disk. Ink jet or laser printing that can be applied directly to the DVD face is also acceptable.
16. Though it is possible to submit up to three films per entry, **ONLY ONE** film per DVD!

Oxnard Student Digital Film Festival Entry Form

(Please fill out and return with marked DVD. All entries must include this entry form.)

Entry Title:_____TRT (length):_____
Description of film for use in program if selected:
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Entry Category (check only one)

- ☐ Comedy Short
- ☐ Dramatic Short
- ☐ Horror/ Thriller
- ☐ Music Video
- ☐ News
- ☐ Documentary
- ☐ Experimental Video/ Effects
- ☐ X-Sport/ Sport/ Event
- ☐ P.S.A./ Commercial
- ☐ Special Category: Social Justice

Division

- ☐ College (2 year community college)
- ☐ Youth (6th- 12th Grade
- ☐ Community Group
- ☐ University Showcase

Submission Format

- ☐ DVD (included)
- ☐ Online Submission Link _____
- ☐ Other

Student Producer or Director:_____

Email _____ Phone

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Faculty Advisor/Mentor:_____

School/ community group:_____

Submit only one entry per DVD. A separate form must accompany each entry. (One entry per DVD)

I certify I have read, understand and complied with all rules and procedures.
By submitting this entry form for judging, I hereby grant permission to Oxnard College and the Student Digital Film Festival to use this production, in whole or part, in promotions, broadcasts, web-casts, video-on-demand, on any other program produced for, or in conjunction with the Student Digital Film Festival, Oxnard College or any other related activity. I hereby give Oxnard College and the Student Digital Film Festival permission to air the entry in perpetuity on OCTV or on-line.
I expressly affirm I possess, or have been granted copyright authorization for all materials used herein. I also hereby expressly agree to indemnify and hold harmless Oxnard College and the Oxnard Youth Digital Film Festival for all cost, expenses, legal fees, civil or criminal fines resulting from any action by a third party on the basis of copyright violation or plagiarism.

Student Signature:_____ _____
Date

If under 18:
Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ _____
Date

Faculty/Advisor Signature:_____ _____ _____
(or copy of student ID) Date

FOR OFFICE USE:
Date Received _____
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