



2020 Youth Film Competition RULES & INFORMATION

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** The Youth Film Competition is open to all Washington State Middle or High School aged legal residents of the United States and the District of Columbia.
2. **REGISTRATION:**
 - a. The Filmmaker should submit the following as soon as possible so that we can communicate any updated information to all competitors.
 - i. Registration Form can be completed online or downloaded at our website
 - ii. Filmmaker Agreement can be downloaded online
 - b. The Filmmaker is required to submit the following releases along with the completed film no later than 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 30, 2020. These documents can be downloaded online. Releases should be used only if applicable.
 - i. Music Release - must be completed if copyrighted music content is used.
 - ii. Talent Release & Liability Waiver - Other than family members, this release form should be used for any person whose image is shown in the film.
 - iii. Location Release - must be completed should filming occur on private property not owned by the film maker or his/her family.
 - c. The film will not be released for judging and subsequent public review until all applicable documentation has been received.
3. **FILMMAKING RULES**
 - a. Filming must be done while observing current COVID-19 health regulations, i.e., in one's home, back yard, place of employment if allowed by employer, etc. If appropriate social distancing requirements are not used when filming in public, the film will be disqualified.
 - b. No nudity, violence or profanity is permitted. Any film violating these requirements will be disqualified.
 - c. No stock footage may be used. All content must be original and produced for this competition.
 - d. Animation and special effects are permitted.
 - e. Still photographs are permitted, provided that the team has the rights to them.
 - f. Films must be at 3-minutes or under to qualify. This includes opening and credits.
 - g. Before the finished film begins, the media should have:
 - i. 5 seconds of black
 - ii. A title card with, filmmaker name, team name if applicable, and film title
 - iii. 2 seconds of black
 - iv. Your film
 - h. The end credits must include the words: "This film was made for the GHFF 2020 Youth Film Competition" www.gigharborfilmfestival.org
 - i. Videos must be uploaded through Vimeo.com for submission.
 - i. Create your FREE Vimeo account here: <https://vimeo.com>
 - ii. Digital format used should be .mov or .mp4.

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- iii. Upload video to your Vimeo account by clicking on “+New video”, then on “Upload”. Upload the appropriate video and make sure the Privacy Setting is set to “Anyone”. If this is not selected, the judges will not be able to view your film.
 - iv. Once submitted, copy the unique Screener Link (at the top of your downloaded video). The Screener Link should be sent by email to Admin@gigharborfilmfestival.org on or before the deadline of THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020 by 6:00PM. This screener link will enable our judges to view your film and share it to the Gig Harbor Film Festival website and social media platforms.
4. REQUIRED ELEMENTS
- a. The film must relate to the filmmaker’s experience living through COVID-19.
 - b. The film should be inspirational in nature with a positive message for our global community.
5. WINNERS: Judges will narrow down the films to the top 20 and then rank them to find a first, second and third place winner. Winners will be announced on May 20, 2020 on the Gig Harbor Film Festival website and social media. Links to the top 20 films will be posted on the GHFF website once all winners have been notified.
- a. First place winner receives \$250.00.
 - b. Second and Third place winners each receive \$100.00.
 - c. The top 3 winners will have their films shown at the Gig Harbor Film Festival this coming Fall!
 - d. The top 20 filmmakers will all receive a certificate and GHFF Laurel.
6. QUESTIONS: Contact the GHFF office at 253-851-3456 or email to admin@gigharborfilmfestival.org

Stay Home; Stay Healthy!