



Letter to Digital/Film/Arts Instructors:

The Grand Foundation, supporting the Grand Theater Center for the Arts in Tracy, is announcing its 2018 Student Film Festival to be held on March 17, 2018. This Student Film Festival is designed to inspire young filmmakers and give them an attainable venue in which to have their short film live-screened and juried. Monetary prizes totaling \$3,250 will be awarded. The final deadline for film submissions is January 5, 2018.

The Student Film Festival will encompass three Juried Divisions: the college, the high school and the high school immersive art school divisions. Within each Division there will be different genres of film, which include Indie, Experimental, Animation, Documentary and Political/Cause, Narrative, P.S. A. and others.

Film submissions from all divisions will be screened and juried by impartial experts in digital/film media. There will be a First, Second, and Third Place Student Film Festival winner chosen from each of the three divisions. The First Place winner (of each division) will be awarded a \$1000 prize. The Second Place winner (of each division) will be awarded a \$750 prize, and the Third Place winner will be awarded a \$500 prize. Additionally, there will be one overall Honorable Mention winner and one Audience Choice Winner. Award laurels and/or participation laurels will be given for all films accepted into the Grand Foundation Student Film Festival.

All accepted films will be live-screened to the public throughout the day at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts on March 17. Additionally, we will feature a guest Film-Talk speaker from the TV and film industries, a Jury Panel Discussion with questions from the audience, and the Student Film Festival will end with a Film-Maker Awards Reception where prizes will be awarded.

Additional submission forms, deadline information, submission rules & guidelines, and legal releases are available on our Grand Foundation website at grandfoundation.org/events/film.

We are asking educators to please distribute the attached Call to Students information, and encourage their film students to visit our website for more information and submit entries through FilmFreeway to our Grand Foundation Student Film Festival.

We appreciate your assistance so much! Please contact us at studentfilmfestival.org or call 209-835-3900 if you have any questions.

Best,

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