



Letter to Digital/Film/Arts Instructors:

The Grand Foundation, supporting the Grand Theater Center for the Arts in Tracy, will hold its First Annual Student Film on April 8, 2017. This Student Film Festival is designed to inspire student filmmakers and give them an attainable venue in which to have their works live-screened and juried.

The Student Film Festival will encompass two Juried Divisions: The Primary and the Secondary Divisions. The Primary Division will be students of Universities, Community Colleges and Film/Art Schools within California and surrounding States. The Secondary Division will consist of film students of Tracy-area -- and neighboring counties -- High School Film/Arts programs.

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 both divisions will be screened and juried by impartial experts in Digital/Film media. There will be one First Place Overall Student Film Festival winner chosen from each of the two divisions. The First Place Overall Student Film Festival winner (of either division) will be awarded a \$1000 Scholarship. The Second Place Overall Student Film Festival winner (of either division) will be awarded a \$750 scholarship. The Third Place overall Student Film Festival winner (of either division) will be awarded a \$500 scholarship. If graduating from college, winners will receive monetary prizes in lieu of scholarships. Additionally, in each Division, there will be an honorable mention winner. Honorable Mention winners will be awarded ribbons and bragging rights.

Over Saturday, April 8, 2017, we will hold a Film-Makers Reception, two Special Guest Film-Talks and the public screenings of Student Film Festival juried selections. Submission Forms, and Rule & Guidelines are available on our Grand Foundation website under [grandfoundation.org/events/film](http://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 and submit entries to our Grand Foundation Student Film Festival.

We appreciate your assistance so much!

Best,

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