

2017 Teen Film Festival

Festival Guidelines

May 3, 2017

All students grades 9-12



Festival Winner and Honorable Mention prizes will be awarded at the festival.

All entries must be turned in by **Monday, April 24, 2017**. Entries may be turned in at any Johnson County Public Library branch, Greenwood Public Library, or to your school's representative.

Questions on guidelines, entry forms, and judging may be sent to Emily Ellis, festival chair, at eellis@greenwoodlibrary.us. For more information visit the festival website at <http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us/teenfilmfestival.asp>.

ENTRIES

All entries must be accompanied by an official entry form. Forms are available at area libraries, the festival website, or from your school representative. Students may also request a free DVD with entry form from festival representatives. Digital entries are not accepted. All films must be submitted on a DVD.

CATEGORIES

- **Documentary (Maximum 15 minutes)** — *Research on an issue / topic or a person of importance*
- **Feature Film (Maximum 15 minutes)** — *tells a fictional story*
- **Music Video (Maximum 4 minutes)** — *based upon on a song , reflects the meaning of the song or artist*
- **Book Trailer (Maximum 3 minutes)** — *promotion of a book in the style of a movie trailer, must include book cover, author name, and copyright date*

RATINGS

All entries must be G or PG rated. For descriptions of ratings according to the Motion Picture Association of America visit <http://www.mpaa.org/ratings/what-each-rating-means>.

PRIZES

Community members will judge all entries. The judging rubric is available on the festival website (www.greenwoodlibrary.us/teenfilmfestival.asp). All filmmakers will be recognized at the festival event. In addition to the festival prizes, the judges will award ten secondary awards chosen during the screening process. Due to time constraints, not all entries will be screened in their entirety during the festival. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the evening. (4) honorable mention awards of \$125 will be awarded along with the Festival Winner who will receive \$400.

EQUIPMENT CHECK-OUT

Participants may check-out cameras, tripods, and laptops to complete their films. For more information on borrowing materials from Greenwood Public Library visit the festival website or contact Emily Ellis at eellis@greenwoodlibrary.us.

UP & COMING FILMMAKERS

** Students in grades 6-8 may submit an entry according to the listed guidelines for the opportunity to win a \$50 cash prize. Filmmakers will be recognized at the festival and the winning entry will be upload to the festival website.

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