

GUIDELINES for submitting films to the **2010** **PRINCETON STUDENT FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL** & the Artist Visions Film Festival Lambertville, NJ

About the Festivals:

The Princeton Student Film & Video Festival is in its 7th consecutive year and continues to encourage and support the work of youth filmmakers in a range of genres and styles, with the opportunity and a venue for the filmmakers to show their work to a broad audience. The festival attendance has reached capacity audiences of about 150 people per night each year, who are very receptive and provide the filmmakers with lots of appreciation and lively feedback on their films.

The selected films will be screened over 2 nights -- Wednesday July 21 and Thursday July 22 – in 2010 at the Princeton Public Library located at 65 Witherspoon Street in downtown Princeton, New Jersey. There is no admission to attend the screenings, which are intended for a teen and adult audience. The Princeton Student Film and Video Festival is sponsored by the Princeton Public Library.

This year a selection of films from the Princeton Student Film & Video Festival will also screen at the Artist Visions Film Festival, a new, first-year festival in nearby Lambertville, New Jersey, on July 23 & 24, 2010.

Filmmakers are invited to submit in many genres, including “Abstract”, “Animation”, “Comedy”, “Commercial”, “Documentary”, “Feature”, “Environmental”, “Experimental”, “Mockumentary”, “Music Video”, “Personal Narrative”, “Public Service Announcement”, and “Other”. This year we are adding an additional category -- “Where I’m From” ~ to show local culture, community, landscape, a local place, an animal or a specific local person including self-portrait films about the student filmmaker’s life where they live.

All entries for consideration for both/either festival should be directly submitted to the Princeton Student Film & Video Festival. Please see the entry form for complete instructions. There is no charge to submit films.

Eligibility:

The festival accepts films from high school and college students (or home-schooled, unschooled or not in school) ages 14-24 from Princeton and all points beyond, both near and far. All entries must be on a DVD and accompanied by a completed entry form. There is no cost to enter. There are no cash prizes or awards, but custom festival t-shirts with the names of the films selected and the filmmakers’ names are

given out at the event to attending filmmakers or sent out to all selected filmmakers who cannot attend in-person. The filmmakers with selected films will be invited to introduce their film and to participate in a Q&A after the screening. All filmmakers, whether they have films selected, or not, and their friends and families are invited to attend. The screenings are also open to a general audience and suggested for teen and adult viewers and are not intended for young children; filmmakers should submit films that are suitable in content for this audience or a general audience.

Permission:

Only filmmakers may submit films, they may not be submitted by any party who did not create the film, and the person signing the entry form authorizes the film's entry in the 2010 Princeton Student Film & Video Festival and/or the Artist Visions Film Festival. In submitting a film to the 2010 Princeton Student Film & Video Festival and/or the Artist Visions Film Festival, the filmmaker agrees that the film, if selected, may be screened at the festivals and be used for publicity and promotional purposes.

Selection and Notification:

Selected films will be screened by the 2010 Princeton Student Film & Video Festival Selection Committee, which is made up of the festival coordinator, librarians, filmmakers and student volunteers. Films are evaluated for their visual and audio quality, attention to editing creativity and skill to shape the story and improve the pacing of the film, and a defined story or sense of story and how well the film conveys the filmmaker's point of view. Decisions are made by the discretion of the committee and all decisions are final. All filmmakers who have been selected for the festival will be notified in early July 2009. Filmmakers with entries not selected will not be notified individually, however any inquires about selection status or other concerns are welcome.

Submitted Materials:

- All films submitted must be accompanied by a completed entry form, found at: www.princetonlibrary.org/teens/media
- All films must be an original work and have a running time of not more than 20 minutes. NOTE: Less experienced should consider that short, well-edited films are more likely to be considered for selection and should consider submitting films with a total running time of 5 minutes or less. In past years the longer and more ambitious films accepted as selections were the work of students with more experience. NOTE: If you think it is too long, so will we!
- All films must be submitted on DVD.
- Students may submit more than one film but must submit each film on separate DVD's.
- All entries must be labeled with all of the following: title of the project, filmmaker's (or team's) name and contact information and TRT (total running time).

- All films must be complete – no rough cuts to hold a spot for a finished work will be accepted.
- Submitted materials will not be returned.
- Please write a brief summary of the film that can be used for the festival materials.
- Please indicate the possibility of attendance at the festival on the entry form.

Entry form, additional resources, and past festival information are available at: www.princetonlibrary.org/teens/media

For more information, questions about the festival and the entry process please feel free to contact:

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