# District 95 Film Festival

# **Film Submission Guidelines**



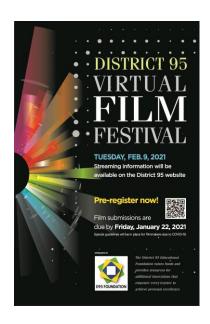
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#### **RULES**

- IMPORTANT!!! All actors/filmmakers must abide by COVID-19 restrictions including 6 feet of social distancing, masks, and limited group gatherings as defined by the Illinois Department of Public Health/CDC. Any films submitted that do not abide by these restrictions will not be accepted. Have a question about what's allowed? Email us at mailto:d95filmfestival@lz95.org.
- All films must be submitted by Friday, January 22, 2021.
- Films need to be "G" Rated: school appropriate language and clothing, films should not depict drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or handgun use. If you have any questions regarding appropriateness—PLEASE contact d95filmfestival@lz95.org
- Films may not be longer than 5 minutes.
- Each student is allowed to submit 1 entry per person. Exceptions are made to class projects (Teachers may submit 1 entry per class)
- Filmmakers must get permission from actors (and their parents if they are under 18) before recording them. Also get permission before showing up at a location to film.
- Scripts and characters should be original.
- Music must either be original compositions and original recordings. To use commercially or previously recorded music, movie directors must secure permission from the composers and or original recording artists.

## **JUDGING**

- Films will be judged on the following:
   Technical quality, storytelling/effective communicating, artistic merit, acting, overall effect/emotional impact, music/sound
- Three prizes will be awarded at each of the three age groups:
   High School, Middle School & Elementary School. Prizes will be gift cards valued at \$50, \$30 & \$15. One "Best of Show" will be awarded.
- A selection of entries will be chosen for viewing at the Film Festival. The Film Festival committee reserves the right to select the films to be shown at the Film Festival.



### TYPES OF FILMS

- Comedy
- Drama
- Documentary
- Animation
- Public Service Announcement



A traveling trophy will be awarded to the school with the most film submissions!