



2017 ENDLESS MOUNTAINS FILM FESTIVAL Festival Rules and Submission Process

Mission:

“To encourage the creative and pioneering spirit of people working in digital arts”

FESTIVAL CATEGORIES:

- Youth - Ages 15 and under
- Adult - Ages 16 and up
- Aspiring – Ages 18 and up

FILM LENGTHS:

- Youth– 8 minutes or less
- Adult – 20 minutes or less
- Aspiring – up to 45 minutes

FESTIVAL SCREENING AWARDS CEREMONY:

- August 12, 2017 at 4:00 PM at the Sayre Theatre, 205 South Elmer Avenue, Sayre, PA 18840

ENTRY DEADLINE: All films must be received by the Bradford County Regional Arts Council, 601 Main St, Towanda, PA 18848, 570.268.ARTS (2787) by 4:00 PM on July 21, 2017.

ENTRY FEE: \$15. Checks made payable to the Bradford County Regional Arts Council.

ENTRY FORM: Each film must be accompanied by a Submission Form. The downloadable form can be located at the BCRAC website - www.bcrac.org. Click on “Forms” in the Navigation Menu at the top of the page.

ABOUT THE FILMS:

- Non-documentary films may be comedies or dramas, but must have a plot.
- Documentaries must be about a real-life subject, and the film must have the intent to document an event or subject, or inform the audience of a subject or topic.
- Each film must fit within the length guidelines for each category.
- Each film must have language and subject matter appropriate for a general audience. Please contact the BCRAC if you have questions regarding content and language.

JUDGING:

Each category will be judged by an independent panel. No Bradford County Regional Arts Council employee will be involved in the judging. The top films in each category will be awarded a cash prize and will be shown in their entirety at the Festival Screening. At the panel’s discretion, certain other films may be granted “official selection” status, and made available online for public viewing. Portions of other entries will be shown in a montage reel at the festival.

CRITERIA:

Assuming the Additional Requirements (below) are met, the films will be judged on the level of

- originality and creativity
- the quality of technical elements
- the quality of story or documentary elements

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- All films require a \$15 Entry Fee
- Films created in film schools, film classes or school district classes are eligible.
- **Filmmakers in the Youth and Adult** categories must live within 100 miles of Towanda, Pennsylvania. Project films may be submitted if at least one of the filmmakers falls within the radius described above.
- **Filmmakers in the Aspiring Category** can reside anywhere in the United States.
- **Films submitted in the Youth Category** may have adult assistance. Adults can be consultants or advisers, but not creators or doers. The judges need to believe that the primary work on the film was done by the appropriately aged filmmaker(s).
- Films may be submitted on DVD, flash drive, or online using the Dropbox link.
- All filmmakers must agree that the BCRAC-Endless Mountains Film Festival can sell their film as part of a Festival DVD and retain all earnings from the DVD Sales, and that the BCRAC may present the films online for a period of 60 days following the film festival. Beyond this, all rights to the films remain with the filmmakers.

Film Festival Presentation:

The Endless Mountains Film Festival presentation will include a quick overview of the films, but only the winners' films will be shown in their entirety. A \$8.00 festival admission price will be charged. The Festival presentation will be made available to other venues. Winning and official selection films will be presented online for 60 days following the awards ceremony.

For more information:

Contact the Bradford County Regional Arts Council at 570-268-ARTS (2787)

Sponsors:

- United Way of Bradford County
- Pennsylvania Council on the Arts
- Bradford County Regional Arts Council

To receive e-mail updates on the Endless Mountains Film Festival, visit our website at www.bcrac.org, or request to be added to our mailing list by emailing info@bcrac.org.



2017 ENDLESS MOUNTAINS DIGITAL FILM FESTIVAL SUBMISSION FORM

Film Title: _____

Category: _____ **Youth - Ages 15 and under** _____ **Adult - Ages 16 and up** _____ **Aspiring – Ages 18 and up**

Name of person submitting film: _____

(Please note: Each film needs to be submitted by a single person – the name of any “production company” may be submitted along with the name of person submitting. Any awards earned by this film will be received by the person - and on behalf of any group - submitting the film.)

Address:

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone: _____ **Email address:** _____

Additional credits:

Please list the names and credits of others involved in the film (Such as: Director: Joe Smith; Starring: Joe Smith; Part of Old Woman: Joe Smith). Please do not go overboard on this. We will only be able to announce a few names for each film chosen for the festival. Additional proper credit should appear within the credits of the film.

Submission Fee: \$15 The submission fee must accompany the film. Do not send cash. Checks are made payable to BCRAC. Write on the memo line “ENDLESS MOUNTAINS FILM FESTIVAL.”

Please return **2 PRINTED COPIES OF THIS FORM** along with **TWO COPIES OF THE SUBMITTED FILM** and the **\$15 SUBMISSION FEE** to:

ENDLESS MOUNTAINS FILM FESTIVAL
BRADFORD COUNTY REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL
601 Main Street
Towanda, PA 18848

For questions regarding Festival Rules, Submission Process, etc., contact Rory A. Gaughan at the Bradford County Regional Arts Council, 570-268-ARTS (2787) or rory@bcrac.org.