



# City of Slidell

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## Lights, Cameras, Action! Slidell is Searching for Student Film Makers



The City of Slidell's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs is searching for students who want to showcase their short films in the city's first annual *Action! Student Film Festival*. This competition, open to all high school and college students from across the United States, gives students the chance to compete with their peers on a national level and provides the opportunity to have their film showcased to an audience.

"This film festival is an exciting addition to the many cultural events we offer. We think it's particularly relevant when you consider that Louisiana has been dubbed 'Hollywood South,'" says Kim Bergeron, director of the city's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs. "We can't wait to showcase the works of these students. Who knows, one of them could possibly be the next Spielberg or Scorsese!"

Students interested in entering should read the *Action! Student Film Festival* prospectus, available online at [www.slidell.la.us](http://www.slidell.la.us), for information about submitting their short films. Each video entry should be at least one minute in length but no longer than 10 minutes. Students may submit up to three entries and can enter their works in the comedy, drama, documentary, animation or experimental categories. Each student must own all copyrights, or have permission to use copyrighted materials in their films.

Each entry will be judged on originality, technical merit, execution and audience appeal. The film fest judging panel will screen each film and will award first, second, third and honorable mention for each category. The entries scoring the highest overall points in all categories on both the high school and college levels will receive cash prizes of \$300 for first, \$200 for second and \$100 for third. The judges will choose the films that will be shown at the *Action! Student Film Festival*.

The *Action! Student Film Festival* will be held on Saturday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in the Slidell Municipal Auditorium. All students who enter, regardless of their acceptance status, will receive two complimentary tickets. In addition to the screening for the general public, an arts-in-education screening will be offered for local high school and college students on Thursday, April 23, at 10 a.m. in

the auditorium. All finalists are welcome to attend, and will be invited to answer questions following the screening.

In conjunction with this event, the City of Slidell is offering film fest t-shirts featuring the *Action! Student Film Festival* logo in black ink on a gold shirt, at a cost of \$15 per shirt. Shirts are available in Adult Sizes S, M, L, XL, 2X and 3X. All shirts must be pre-ordered.

Students interested in participating in the *Action! Student Film Festival* should download the prospectus and send the completed entry form, DVD(s), self-addressed envelope and \$10 entry fee to the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs, P.O. Box 828, Slidell, LA 70459. Entries can also be hand delivered to the Cultural & Public Affairs office in the Slidell Municipal Complex at 1330 Bayou Lane, #118, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All entries must be postmarked by Friday, April 10, 2009 or delivered no later than Thursday, April 9, 2009.

The *Action! Student Film Festival* is presented by the City of Slidell's Department of Cultural & Public Affairs, its Commission on the Arts and the 2008 – 2009 Cultural Season sponsors, including Northshore Regional Medical Center; Whitney Bank; Slidell Memorial Hospital; Living Magazine; AT&T; CLECO Power, LLC; Louisiana Life Magazine; Mary & Dr. Dale MacCurdy; Sophisticated Woman Magazine; Baker Sales, Inc.; Creative Picture Framing Inc. & Art Gallery; East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce; Hampton Inn of Slidell; The Purple Armadillo; Ronnie Kole Foundation; Silver Slipper Casino; Sizeler Architects; Textron Marine & Land Systems; Walden Media Productions, LLC; Bargains Plus! / Postal Plus; Baskin-Robbins / Coy & Donna Faucheux; Councilman Bill & Laura Borchert; David Carollo, Attorney-at-Law; Cross Gates Athletic Club; Eric & Mary DuBuisson; Kathryn & Company's A Touch of Italy Café; Lowry-Dunham, Case & Vivien; Ed & Chris Massett; and Times Grill.

For more information, please visit the city's website at [www.slidell.la.us](http://www.slidell.la.us) or call the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs at (985) 646-4375.