



Action! Student Film Festival Submission Form

The City of Slidell, Louisiana invites you to showcase your creativity in the **Action! Student Film Festival**, a competition open to high school and college students from throughout the United States.

ELIGIBILITY: The competition is open to high school and college students from throughout the United States.

ENTRY FEE: A flat entry fee of \$10 is required. Up to three entries may be submitted for this fee. Maximum of three entries per person. Entry fees are non-refundable.

SUBMISSION DATES: All entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 10. Entries should be mailed to The City of Slidell Action Film Festival, P. O. Box 828, Slidell, LA 70459. Entries may also be hand delivered by Thursday, April 9, to the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs, 1330 Bayou Lane #118, Slidell, LA 70460.

GUIDELINES:

1. Participation is open to all high school and college students from throughout the United States. For the purpose of qualification, age at time of submission (not at the time work was completed) is required. Entrants may be required to provide student identification for verification.
2. Films should be a minimum of one minute and a maximum of ten minutes in length.
3. All entries must be submitted in DVD format, clearly labeled with the entrant's name(s), name of the work(s), genre, length of work and entry division (HS = high school, or C = college.) In the case of multiple entries, each entry must be submitted on a separate DVD.
4. Each entry must be accompanied by completed entry form.
5. Entries may be submitted in the following genres: Comedy, Drama, Documentary, Animation, Experimental.
6. Submissions cannot be returned. Entrants should keep a copy of all work submitted.
7. Entrant must own all copyrights, or have verification of permission for use of copyrighted materials included in submission. In submitting your entry, you are certifying that all such permissions have been obtained and assuming all copyright liability thereof.
8. Works must have been created within the past two years.
9. Entrants must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope so that we can provide notification of acceptance or non-acceptance to the festival.
10. Films will be showcased to general audiences. As such, the judges reserve the right to refuse to screen entries with content deemed inappropriate for such audiences.

JUDGING: Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Originality – uniqueness of the work
2. Technical merit – assesses lighting, sound quality, image quality
3. Execution – overall quality of components, including, but not limited to, acting, use of props and setting, where applicable
4. Audience appeal – how well the work engages the audience

AWARDS: Awards will be given in each of the two age categories (high school and college) in the following categories: Comedy, Drama, Documentary, Animation and Experimental. Judges will award First, Second and Third Places, plus Honorable Mentions as deemed appropriate, in each of the categories. Category winners will receive certificates acknowledging their awards. Additionally, entries scoring the highest points in each of the two age categories will be named “Best of Show”, and will receive awards of \$300 for First Place, \$200 for Second Place and \$100 for Third Place.

SCREENING: Juried selections will be screened Saturday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in the Slidell Municipal Auditorium. General Admission is \$5. All entrants will receive two complimentary tickets to the screening, whether or not your entries are selected for inclusion in the screening.

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 this screening, and will be invited to answer questions following the screening. Please let us know if you plan to attend this event.

NOTIFICATION: All entrants will receive notification of acceptance or non-acceptance no later than April 15, 2009. Should you not receive such notification by that date, please contact our office at (985) 646-4375.

Entrants whose works are accepted will be requested to send a brief biography, synopsis and list of cast and crew credits for each accepted work. This can be mailed, faxed to (985) 646-4231 or e-mailed to kbergeron@cityofslidell.org.

NOTIFICATION TO ST. TAMMANY PARISH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

In entering the *Action! Student Film Festival*, your work will automatically be entered into the **Salad Days Juried Exhibition of Student Art** which is open to all St. Tammany students grades K – 12. Selected works will be exhibited at the Slidell Cultural Center, located within Olde Towne Arts Center, in conjunction with that local art exhibit. For more information, please call (985) 646-4375.

ACTION FILM FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS:

In conjunction with this festival, the City of Slidell is offering t-shirts featuring the *Action! Student Film Festival* logo in black ink on a gold shirt, at a cost of \$15 per shirt, plus \$2 postage per shirt if you would like shirts mailed to you. Shirts are available in Adult Sizes S, M, L, XL, 2X and 3X. Entrants who wish to order one or more t-shirts should complete the t-shirt order portion of the entry form and enclose payment with their entry. Entrants need not have work accepted to order t-shirts.

ACTION! STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL ENTRANT INFORMATION :

Name(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Daytime Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Address: _____

School/University: _____

Division entering: High School College

(Optional) Instructor(s) who have inspired your creations: _____

WORKS SUBMITTED:

Please complete this form, and attach a copy of the entry form (see next page) to each entry.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

In entering my works into the Action! Student Film Festival, the undersigned represents that I (we) own all proprietary rights to the program submitted and that I (we) have secured the rights, licenses, clearances and releases necessary for exhibition of the work, so that the Festival or its representatives will not be obligated to make any payment to any third party, and that the exhibition will not infringe or violate the rights of any firm, person, or corporation.

The undersigned shall indemnify, defend and hold the Festival and its representatives harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, cost, liabilities and expenses which may be incurred by reason of any breach of these representations, or arising out of any matter contained in the entry or otherwise by the Festival's use of the entry.

The undersigned hereby grants to the Festival all rights to exhibit the work, including but not limited to, use in conjunction with promotion of the Festival.

In submitting this work, I hereby acknowledge all Festival rules. I further acknowledge that the authority and final word of the Panel of Judges and Festival staff.

Accepted by entrant: _____

Send completed entry, including Entrant Information, Entry Form(s) attached to DVD(s), self- addressed, stamped envelope, optional t-shirt order and check or money order payable to the City of Slidell to: The City of Slidell Action! Student Film Festival, P. O. Box 828, Slidell, LA 70459. The city is not responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

Questions? Call the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs at (985) 646-4375.

FOR JUDGES USE ONLY:

1. Accepted Not Accepted
2. Accepted Not Accepted
3. Accepted Not Accepted

ENTRY FORMS (Please attach one form to DVD sleeve of each entry):

Entrant: _____

Title of Entry: _____

Run Time: _____ Entry Division: High School College

Genre: Comedy Drama Documentary Animation Experimental

Does this film contain copyrighted material? Yes No

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Does this film contain copyrighted material? Yes No

ACTION! Student Film Festival T-Shirt Order Form

*Purchase of t-shirts is strictly optional and is offered as a courtesy to participants.
Purchase does not affect chances of acceptance into the festival.*

Please place my order for t-shirt(s) as follows:

Qty. _____ Adult Small
Qty. _____ Adult Medium
Qty. _____ Adult Large
Qty. _____ Adult X-Large
Qty. _____ Adult 2X
Qty. _____ Adult 3X

SHIPPING:

- I have included postage of \$2 per shirt
- I will pick up my t-shirts so I have not included postage.

SUBTOTAL (qty.) _____ Shirts ordered at \$15 per shirt = \$ _____

POSTAGE (if applicable) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Shipping address:

Name _____

Address _____

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

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Please enclose check or money order payable to The City of Slidell.

Payment should be sent to:

The City of Slidell Department of Cultural & Public Affairs

Action Student Film Festival

P. O. Box 828

Slidell, LA 70459

For your convenience, you may enclose this order form with your entry submission.
You may also share it with family and friends who wish to order t-shirts.
