

QUICK FACTS 2015-16

UIL Young Filmmakers Festival

Participants

- Students producing the film must be currently enrolled and attending a UIL member high school. The production team must be enrolled full-time at the participating school.
- There is no minimum or a maximum number of contestants. Actors are not contestants if that is their only role in the project.
- Adult involvement in the project is limited to sponsors and onscreen talent.
- Only high school students eligible under Subchapter M of the UIL Constitution are eligible for the high school contest.
- There is no amateur rule for this contest.
- Sponsors in the UIL State Student Film Festival shall be full-time employees of the school districts they represent. Their actual involvement in producing the film shall be in an advisory capacity.

Time Limits and Entries

- Each school may submit three (3) films in each category. The categories are:
 - 1) narrative,
 - 2) documentary,
 - 3) computer/ digital animation and
 - 4) traditional animation (claymation, hand drawn, stop motion)
- Narrative and documentary films shall be 3- 7 minutes in length. Animation entries shall be 30 seconds to 3 minutes in length. This includes any credits.

Eligible Material

- Submitted films must be original works and are required to have clearances for music or other copyrighted material featured in the project. A log of any music used shall be kept on file at the school. See sample music log on UIL website.
- The administration of the producing school shall assure that the production does not offend the moral standards of the community. A signed "Community Standards and Copyright Compliance Form" signed to certify that the entries have been carefully examined and approved for presentation.
- Only those films produced during the current school year will be considered for submission into the contest. Films produced during the Spring or Summer months are also eligible for the Festival held the following Spring (e.g. A film produced in the Spring or Summer of 2015 would be eligible for submission in the Spring 2016 Festival.)

Entry Procedures

- Schools will be asked to submit an intent to participate form by December 1, 2015. The form can be found at www.uil texas.org/film This is a survey and not an enrollment form.
- Submission Deadline - January 18, 2016.
- The entry form will become active January 1, 2016. The form can be found at www.uil texas.org/film
- The State Finals are scheduled for March 2, 2016 at the Paramount Theatre in Austin, Texas.

Evaluation

Films submitted to the Festival shall be previewed, critiqued and ranked by our adjudicators. Originality, cinematic storytelling, and technical execution are the basis of the scoring. Entries will go through a preliminary round. Those qualifying will go through a second qualifying round. Those qualifying from the second round will go through a State Semi-final round. Those entries advancing to state in each category will be screened, in whole or in digest form, and ranked first through third at the State Festival.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can my advisor help me write, edit or shoot the film?

They may be on set and help. In fact, that is strongly advised. They may give artistic and technical advice throughout the process.

May we use pre-generated materials software or automated animation software?

No.

How about anything on language or content?

The same "Standards" rule that applies to UIL One-Act Play, applies to the film contest. See Section 1033 of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules*.

When is eligibility checked?

Eligibility is checked at the time of submission. The project is entered as a team representing the school. Ineligible students shall not be allowed to represent the school at the state finals.

What does it mean that there is no "amateur rule?"

Unlike athletic events in UIL, a participant in the film contest can have professional film, TV or commercial credits.

Can our students work with my friends that go to another school?

Only as on-screen or voice talent.

Can I use my little brother/sister from middle school in the cast? What about adults?

Yes.

Does Mock-umentary fall under narrative or documentary?

Narrative. Since a mock-umentary is fiction, it will fall into that category.

What will I need to prove I have permission to use the music and stock footage?

Receipts will need to be produced if requested by the the State Contest Director.

May I use stock footage?

Your film may contain stock footage as needed for a documentary. Stock footage in narrative and animation entries should not be more than 10% of the total running time.

Am I locked in to compete if I file an intent to participate?

No. This is merely an “intent” to participate. This will help us plan for acquiring judges and planning for the evaluation process.

Will I need location permissions? Waivers? etc?

Schools should check with each location. Waivers from talent, etc shall be the responsibility of the participating school. A sample release form will be available online.

