

*"I can only speak for my kid, but this was an amazing experience for him! He learned a lot from the diverse films, and he gained so much self-confidence from the positive feedback and experience answering audience questions." – mother of **LAUNCH** winner*

**CALL FOR ENTRIES:**

The Ashland Independent Film Festival (AIFF) is accepting entries for the 2017 film festival (beginning September 2, 2016). This will be the 12th year of our **LAUNCH** Student Film Competition. Winners have included students just like yours, from Sutherlin High School to Southern Oregon University to your neighborhood elementary school. Winners from past festivals can be viewed on our [website](#).

**LAUNCH** is a FREE contest for Siskiyou Region student filmmakers—anyone residing in the following counties: Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, and Klamath in Oregon; Siskiyou and Del Norte in California. Winners will have their film screened during the 16th Annual Ashland Independent Film Festival, April 6-10, 2017, receive a Filmmaker Pass to all films and special events, interact with peers and filmmakers from around the world, and participate in Q&As after the screenings.

Many teachers use the **LAUNCH** in their curriculum to discuss the artistic and technical aspects of creating and editing a film along with the real world experience of meeting deadlines, completing application forms, and more. This project also qualifies for the "Career Related Learning Experience" required for High School Graduation. Please contact us to schedule a class presentation visit this fall. Students do not need to be part of a video or media class to enter. Projects for History or English class using the medium of film have been accepted, but films are not required to be part of a class project.

**DETAILS:**

- No entry fee – it's free, free, FREE!
- **Films must be under five minutes long**—we are sorry but there are no exceptions! (For longer films see our free [Locals Only](#) competition for all ages.)
- Films must be digitally uploaded to Vimeo or YouTube. No hardcopy DVD or Blu-Ray submissions.
- Five categories: Grades K-5, 6-8, 9-12, college undergrads, and PridePrize!
- Regional counties only: Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, and Klamath in Oregon; Siskiyou and Del Norte in California.
- **Films must be made after January 1, 2016 and be submitted by the deadline of January 6, 2017.**
- Students must produce the majority of the film.
- All genres/mediums are eligible: animation, claymation, documentary, dramatic, etc. (Public Service Announcements and Music Videos are unlikely to be selected.)
- **All students who enter receive two ticket vouchers to festival films.**
- Winning and honorable mention films will appear on AIFF's website.
- For more info, see **LAUNCH** Entry Form and **LAUNCH** FAQs on our website—[ashlandfilm.org/launch](http://ashlandfilm.org/launch).

For questions or to schedule a class presentation visit, contact [entries@ashlandfilm.org](mailto:entries@ashlandfilm.org), call us at 541.488.3823 or visit [ashlandfilm.org](http://ashlandfilm.org).