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**LAUNCH** is a free student competition that is part of the Ashland Independent Film Festival.

**YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER THE FREE LAUNCH COMPETITION IF YOU:**

- Are a student (elementary, middle, high school, or college undergraduate.)
- Live in in the following counties: Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, and Klamath in Oregon; Siskiyou and Del Norte in California.
- **Made a film that is 5 minutes or less—NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Made a film that was completed in 2017 (prior to the January 5, 2018 deadline.)
- Made a film by yourself or with friends; some adult help is OK, but *over half must be student-produced*.
- Submit your film to us by January 5, 2018.

**IF YOUR FILM WINS:**

- Your film will screen during the 2018 festival.
- You will receive two all-accesses Passes to all festival films and events and be treated like a celebrity!
- Your film will not be in competition for AIFF Awards, but we do award **LAUNCH & Pride** prizes.
- You will be responsible for getting us the exhibition copy of your film (the one that plays during the festival.)

**FAQs (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS):** for more info see [ashlandfilm.org/launchFAQ](http://ashlandfilm.org/launchFAQ)

**Q:** *Should I submit my film on DVD?* **A:** **No.** We no longer accept DVD or Blu Ray discs as submissions. You can just upload your film to YouTube or Vimeo and include the link on the entry form.

**Q:** *What kind of films do you accept?* **A:** We love all kinds of original content: animation, claymation, documentary, live-action... **NOTE:** Public Service Announcements & Music Videos are *not* likely to be selected.

**Q:** *How many films can I enter?* **A:** As many films as you want: just complete a new entry form for each film.

**Q:** *Does my film have to be part of a class project?* **A:** No! You can do it on your own.

**Q:** *How many films do you pick?* **A:** Typically, one film in each of the five categories will screen at the film festival: K-5 (elementary), 6-8 (middle school), 9-12 (high school), college (undergrad only), and PridePrize.

**Q:** *What if I don't win?* **A:** We still want you to join us! You'll receive two free ticket vouchers to festival films—two vouchers per student regardless of number of entries; two vouchers per film regardless of number of filmmakers.

**Q:** *When will I know if my film gets in?* **A:** We'll email you by February 2, 2018 (don't call before—we won't know!)

**TO ENTER YOUR FILM IN LAUNCH:**

- A completed online entry form (one for each film you enter) accessible on our **LAUNCH** web page, include your digital link to your film (upload via YouTube or Vimeo).
- No money! There is no fee to enter **LAUNCH**.
- Keep a copy of your film, the entry form, and this sheet for your records.
- We need your completed form and digital link to your film no later than **January 5, 2018**

**Questions?** Go to [LAUNCH FAQs](http://ashlandfilm.org/launchFAQ) at [ashlandfilm.org](http://ashlandfilm.org), or email [entries@ashlandfilm.org](mailto:entries@ashlandfilm.org), or call 541.488.3823.

