

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 on or after January 1, 2020, and prior to the January 15, 2021 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 15, 2021.

IF YOUR FILM WINS:

- Your film will screen during the 2021 festival.
- You will receive two all-accesses Passes (per film) 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 Winners***.
- 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 <https://www.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:** While only one film in each of the four categories will win, we may screen two or more runners-up from each category during the film festival as well: K-5 (elementary), 6-8 (middle school), 9-12 (high school), college (undergrad only).

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 on February 12, 2021 (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 15, 2021**

Questions? Go to [Launch FAQs](#) at ashlandfilm.org, or email entries@ashlandfilm.org, or call 541.488.3823.

