



THE STILL PLACE SHORT FILM CONTEST

“Appalachia Through Your Eyes”

It is so important to love where you live, and boy do we have a lot to love around here! Appalachian Culture is so special: from the mountains to the history, the farms to the close community, and everything between. Pick something that is special to you about our area and our culture and make a short video. Maybe for you that is spending the day on the lake surrounded by the mountains, or canning okra with your grandma. Maybe it's taking care of your family farm, or the humor of grocery store conversations, because you can't go far without seeing someone you know. Whatever it may be for you, we want to see “Appalachia Through Your Eyes!”

SUBMISSION DETAILS:

NO ENTRY FEE

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1. **DURATION:** Films shall not be more than 5 minutes, including the beginning and end credits.
 2. **DEADLINE:** Films should be submitted by July 31, 2020 at 5pm. Winners will be announced by August 15, 2020.
 3. **CENSORSHIP:** Film must NOT contain any nudity, violent or graphic nature, or profanity.
 4. **RIGHT TO SCREEN:** The participants grant The Still Place the non-exclusive rights to screen their film / entry on their respective websites, social media platforms, and other events.
 5. **COPYRIGHT:** The Film must NOT contain any copyrighted work(s) belonging to third parties unless (1) Participants have a license to use such works in the Film; or (2) the use participants' Film makes of such works is a fair one under the copyright laws. Participants will retain any licenses and provide them to organisers upon request.

ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to youth aged 13-18 years in the Appalachia area. Only films less than 5 minutes will be considered.

SUBMISSIONS

All films should be submitted **by email to olivia@thestillplace.org**

Please attach videos as MPEG, MOV or MP4.

For issues sending the video, send questions to the same email address.

Submissions must include your name and contact information. All films must be submitted and received by July 31, 2020 at 5pm.

FORMAT

Your production may use any video format to capture or create moving images. You can also create an animated video or use photographs and captions to create a visual slideshow.

Your final video should be submitted in MPEG, MOV or MP4 formats. Cameras can range from smartphones to GoPros to professional cameras, whatever is possible for you.

DEADLINE

The deadline for submission of films is **Friday July 31, 2020 at 5pm**. Films received after this deadline will not be viewed or rated.

JUDGING

Entries will be screened and judged by an independent and non-partial panel including film makers, artists, and staff.

Each entry will be judged upon:

Originality: The theme, context, and presentation will be judged on the originality and creativity you exhibit.

Storytelling: Your video should tell us a story. The entries will be judged on their ability to highlight a unique aspect of Our Appalachian Culture, whether explicitly or discreetly.

Production: While the proper use of lighting, sound, music, visual and sound effects can always enhance an audience's viewing experience, greater weight will be given to creativity, originality and storytelling.

AWARDS

There will be prize money for the top 4 films. First place will receive \$150, Second place - \$100, Third place - \$50, and Honorable Menton \$25.

The top films will be displayed on our website and social media platforms.

For additional information contact our office:

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