

## **2020 WEST COVINA / LINCOLN HEIGHTS FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL ("Official Rules") AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

The Covid Edition - Video starring you and your kids while self-isolating  
Making a movie with your kids can turn an ordinary day into a memorable adventure. You can **make a short six minute or under movie just about anywhere**, and you probably have everything you need right at home. Start coming up with ideas for a 6 minute or under short film on any subject.

It's not only fun for everyone involved, but you'll create a lasting memory with your kids and maybe win cash prizes. More details coming soon. The films will really make you want to hug your family. From the earliest days of Youth Film Productions, we've thought of ourselves as a kind of digital campfire. A place where travelers from all over the world could come and hear others' stories.

Never has this been more true than right now. In these unprecedented times -- the all-out grounding of travel -- Youth Film Productions is turning, as we've always done, to our community. To you. To the places you've been and the stories you lived.

On August 1st, 2020, Youth Film Productions will host the inaugural YFP Virtual Film Festival. This is a space to share and to celebrate some of the most creative and inspiring stories of isolation, culture, conservation, and adventure, from both student and parent filmmakers alike.

### **HOW IT WORKS**

Each film will be live-streamed in blocks to a virtual audience, our viewers will vote for The Audience Choice Award for Best Film.

All program selected films will be featured on Youth Film Productions Network platforms [mvpchannel.net](http://mvpchannel.net) and facebook

**EVENT DETAILS** August 1st, 2020 @4pm PST on [facebook.com/Michael Gerren/Mvp Channel](https://www.facebook.com/MichaelGerrenMvpChannel/) & The Lincoln Star Newspaper

### **Cash Awards & Prizes**

#### **Cash Prizes For:**

**Best Short Film \$300**

**Staff Pick \$250**

**Best Documentary \$250**

**Audience Choice Award \$150**

### **Rules & Terms**

Youth Film Production Virtual Film Festival

("Official Rules")

OPEN TO ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS THIRTEEN (13) YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.

### **FILM ELIGIBILITY.**

Films must be submitted as an online streaming video via [info@youthfilmproductions.com](mailto:info@youthfilmproductions.com). Only digital submissions will be accepted.

Films must be narrative, documentary or experimental and no longer than 6 minutes in length. Pornography will not be accepted. Isolation, outdoors and corona-themed films are encouraged.

**FESTIVAL PERIOD.** The Festival submission period begins on May 31, 2020 and ends July 15th at 11:59PM PST (the "Submission Period"). Submissions selected for screening at the Festival will be announced on July 25, 2020. The Festival will begin on August 1st, 2020 at a time to be announced.

## **DECISION.**

We will appoint judges to review each entry and select the films to be shown at the Festival (“Selected Films”). We will also appoint judges and/or solicit votes for the Best Film and Staff Pick prizes. We have no obligation (other than as stated in these rules or on our website) to disclose any of the following information: i) identities of screeners or judges; ii) notes, feedback, or information relating to the submitted project; and/or iii) details regarding the submission review or selection process. We explicitly disclaims any liability or responsibility for any comments, notes, or opinions expressed about a submission, whether by us, our volunteers, audience or festival viewers. The judges’ decisions are final.

A popular vote will be taken amongst the audience and winners of that popular vote will be announced during the Festival. The popular vote is final and we explicitly disclaims any liability or responsibility for any comments, notes, or opinions expressed during the popular vote.

## **PRIZES.**

Each of the Selected Films will be automatically entered into competition and eligible to win the following awards and cash prizes; winning films will be announced during the Festival on August 1st, 2020:

Audience Choice Award: The film that earns the highest number of audience votes during a online poll will win the Audience Choice Award and a cash prize of \$150.

Staff Pick Award: The film that earns the highest number of Youth Film Productions Network staff votes (voting will be conducted prior to Festival) will win the Staff Pick Award and a cash prize of \$250.

Best Short Film Award: The film which earns the highest number of Best Short Film judge votes (voting will be conducted prior to the Festival) will win the Best Short Film Award and a cash prize of \$300.

If a film wins Best Short Film and the Staff Pick, the film will be awarded the Best Short Film Award and the film with the second highest votes for Staff Pick will win the Staff Pick Award. Any film winning either the Best Short Film or the Staff Pick Award will still be eligible to win the Audience Choice Award.

Each entrant who submitted a winning film (“Winner”) will be required to sign and return any documents as may be reasonably requested by us, including but not limited to a Winner’s Declaration. Failure to sign and return these documents, if any, by the specified return date will result in forfeiture of the prize.

The Winner must sign and return required documentation within fourteen (14) calendar days of issuance. Winner is subject to verification, including verification of age and residency. If the Winner (i) is determined to be ineligible or (ii) fails to respond to the initial verification message within 48 hours, the Winner forfeits the prize in its entirety. In the event the Winner is disqualified or forfeits the prize, that entrant will be removed from consideration and the film with the second highest number of votes in the relevant category will be awarded the prize in accordance with these Official Rules.

Youth Film Productions will issue payment via PayPal to the PayPal account specified in the Winner’s Declaration, which must be signed and returned prior to prize disbursement. Youth Film Productions will pay all transaction fees (Paypal’s Terms and Conditions apply)..

## **IF YOUR FILM IS SELECTED FOR SCREENING AT THE FESTIVAL.**

Publicity. by entering the Festival, if entrant’s film is selected for the Festival, entrant grants Youth Film Productions and their respective agents a worldwide, royalty-free, non-exclusive and sublicensable right and license to use, distribute, and publicly display entrant’s name, location, and/or photo in any way, at any time, in any and all media, including for use in advertising and marketing, without limitation, without any additional approval or consent of, and without consideration to the entrant.

**Grant of License.** If entrant’s film is selected for the Festival, entrant grants Youth Film Productions and their respective agents a worldwide, royalty-free, non-exclusive and sublicensable right and license to use, distribute and publicly display the selected film on [www.mvpchannel.net](http://www.mvpchannel.net) and LA36 network and any media channels

owned, operated or controlled by Youth Film Productions including but not limited to websites and social media.

**Festival.**

Entrant acknowledges that Youth Film Production's exhibition or presentation of the Film at the Festival does not and will not create any confidential or fiduciary relationship between Youth Film Productions and entrant. No compensation will be made to entrant.

**LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY.**

Entrant Warranties. Entrant warrants that:

Entrant is authorized, on their own behalf and on behalf of all other persons or entities who have any ownership rights or interests (including, without limitation, intellectual property rights) in or relating to the submitted film (the "Film"), to exhibit this Film at the Festival;

Exhibition of the Film at the Festival will not violate any law or any right or consent of any person or entity;

The Film is not subject to any litigation, arbitration, or other adversarial claim or proceeding, nor is the Film the subject of any threat of litigation, arbitration, or other adverse claim or proceeding;

Exhibition of the Film at the Festival will not violate or infringe any copyright, patent, privacy right, publicity right, trademark, service mark or any other personal or property right of any person or entity, and that the Film does not constitute or include a defamation of any person or entity;

All license fees, clearance fees, and other obligations, of any kind, arising from or associated with the exhibition of the Film at or in connection with the Festival have been paid and/or otherwise cleared.

**Indemnification for Infringement.** It is the sole responsibility of the Film's Owners to secure authorization and permission from the copyright and/or trademark owner(s) of any and all copyrighted and/or trademarked content or materials included within the submitted Film. Youth Film Productions expressly disavows any responsibility for, and will not be held responsible for, any unauthorized inclusion of any copyrighted and/or trademarked content or materials within or relating to the submitted Film, including any content or materials that are or may become the basis for any third party claims for copyright infringement. Youth Film Productions reserves the right to disqualify any Film with any unauthorized inclusion of copyrighted and/or trademarked content or materials. In the event that any claim, dispute, action or proceeding shall be brought or asserted by any person or entity that alleges that the Film makes unauthorized or unlawful use of any copyrighted and/or trademarked content or material, the Film's Owners shall fully indemnify and defend Youth Film Productions, the Festival, and each of their representatives and affiliates from any liability in connection therewith and from any fees and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, that any of them may incur in connection therewith.

**Limitation of Liability.** As a condition of entering, entrants agree that to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law: (a) under no circumstances will entrant be permitted to obtain awards for, and entrant hereby waives all rights to claim, punitive, incidental, indirect, special, exemplary, or consequential damages and (b) that any and all claims, judgments, and award shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, excluding attorneys' fees and court costs.

**Festival Platform Disclaimer and Release:** This Festival will be publicized on social media platforms including but not limited to Facebook ("Festival Platforms"). Please be advised that Festival Platforms do not endorse this Festival, have no stake in the outcome or administration of this Festival, and are not Parties to the Festival. By Participating in the Festival, each entrant agrees to release and hold harmless the Festival Platforms from any and all losses, damages, rights, claims and actions of any kind arising in connection with the Festival, including without limitation, claims for personal injury, death and property damages, and claims based on publicity rights, defamation, or invasion of privacy.

**Lost or Corrupted Entries; Festival Errors.** By participating in the Festival, entrants agree that Youth Film Productions is not responsible for, and each entrant hereby forever waives any rights to any claim in connection with lost, late, misdirected, damaged, stolen, altered, garbled, incorrect, incomplete or delayed entries all of which will be void. Youth Film Productions assumes no liability and is not responsible for, and entrant hereby forever waives any rights to any claim in connection with, errors and/or ambiguity: (a) in the Festival; (b) in any related advertising or promotions of this Festival; and/or (c) in these Official Rules. In the

event of any ambiguity or error(s) in these Official Rules, Youth Film Productions reserves the right to modify these Official Rules for clarification purposes or to correct any such ambiguity or error(s).

**Disclaimer of Warranties.** Youth Film Productions makes no representations or warranties of any kind, express or implied, regarding your participation in the Festival.

**YOUTH FILM PRODUCTION'S RESERVATION OF RIGHTS.** If the Festival is not capable of running as planned for any reason, including without limitation, due to force majeure or infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of the Festival, Youth Film Productions reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual who is responsible or who tampers with the entry process or otherwise acts in violation of these Official Rules, and to cancel, modify, or terminate the Festival. In the event that an entry is confirmed to have been erroneously deleted, lost or destroyed, entrant's sole remedy shall be another entry into the Festival.

**GOVERNING LAW & JURISDICTION.** By entering, you consent to the jurisdiction and venue of the state and local courts located in the State of California and the federal courts located in the District of Los Angeles California for the resolution of all disputes arising from or concerning these Official Rules and the Festival.

**PRIVACY.** Any personally identifiable information collected during an entrant's participation in the Festival will be collected and used by Youth Film Productions and their designees (i) for the proper administration and fulfillment of the Festival

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