



## Film Excellence: A Primer

The STN Film Excellence Awards consist of 4 Film and 7 Creative categories of films written, shot, and produced between July 1, 2019 and December 18, 2019.

This is a student only contest- Advisers may not write, shoot or edit any part of an Excellence entry. This must be 100% student produced.

### **Film Categories – all 5:00 maximum**

1. Animated
2. Documentary – 5:00 max running time
3. Live Action
4. Middle School Best Film

### **Creative Categories- all 5:00 maximum**

1. Art Direction/Set Design
2. Cinematography
3. Directing
4. Editing
5. Sound Design- Original Score and Music
6. Visual Effects
7. Writing

- Middle Schools may only enter for Middle School Best Film.
- Awards are open to filmmakers actively enrolled in a current STN member school between 07/01/19 and 12/18/19.
- A film may be entered in more than one category and will only be considered for the categories in which it is entered.

### **HERE'S HOW TO ENTER:**

1. Select your program's best films. Choose the 6 names who will be listed in the credits of the film entry. More than 6 may be involved but the online registration form will only accept 6 names and any more will be listed as "staff."
2. Choose the categories you are entering. You may enter your film into more than one category but it will only be considered for the ones entered.
3. The Creative Categories may only be 5:00 min or less. You may upload an excerpt from a longer film for these categories. Please note the Documentary TRT has been changed to 5:00 max.
4. Pay the \$20 fee, for each category submission, by credit card online. STN cannot accept checks or purchase orders for contest entries. Upon payment, the system automatically creates a slot for your upload. You may upload immediately or wait until closer to the deadline. Upload early or upload a test entry and then replace it. Waiting until the deadline is not recommended.
5. **Entries must be uploaded by 5pm PST on December 18, 2019.**

***All Film Excellence winners will be announced and recognized at the STN Convention in Washington, DC on March 13, 2020. Schools are not required to attend the convention to enter this contest.***