

Contest Description

This prestigious international film contest honors excellence in student filmmaking. Only current paid STN affiliates are eligible for recognition. Films written, shot and produced between July 1, 2019 and December 18, 2019 are eligible for entry.

Before submitting an entry be sure to read and familiarize yourself with all of the rules and regulations contained in this document. Cheating and academic dishonesty are taken very seriously by STN so please read this document carefully.

Any affiliate who knowingly submits a Film Excellence entry that is found to be in deliberate violation could face sanctions from STN. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, contest penalty or disqualification, a written reprimand sent to the affiliate school's administration, banned from entering STN contests in the future OR removal of STN membership privileges.

Film Excellence winners will be announced and recognized at the 2020 STN Convention in Washington D.C. Schools are not required to attend the convention to enter this contest.

Rules & Regulations

Entries that do not follow all the Rules & Regulations are subject to penalty and/or disqualification by the judges. All decisions by the judges are final. The Board of Directors of Student Television Network reserves the right to change or amend these Rules & Regulations, at any time, and without notice.

- The STN Film Excellence Awards are open to all High School and Middle School filmmakers actively enrolled in a current STN member school between July 1 and December 18, 2019. Middle Schools may only enter for Middle School Best Film.
- Any number of current students may have been involved in the making of a film entry but the online registration form will only take up to 6 names. More than 7 are considered "staff."
- A film may be entered in more than one category and will only be considered for the categories in which it is entered.
- Films entered in Film Excellence categories may not exceed 5 minutes.
- Students who enter the "Creative Categories" may submit the entire film of 5:00 or less OR an excerpt for the category from a longer film. Either way, the uploaded piece may not exceed 5:00. No compilations may be edited.
- Advisers may NOT shoot, write or edit any part of an Excellence entry. This is a hands-off contest and must be 100% student produced.
- Short films must avoid being gratuitously or explicitly violent, obscene, or overtly sexual. STN contest entries should avoid youth involved in risky, questionable, or illegal activities without also examining the outcomes, ramifications, or consequences of those activities.
- Contest entries are subject to United States Copyright Laws and may be disqualified for disregarding these laws. Please refer to the STN website for our copyright policies.

Film Excellence Categories

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EF192001. Animated – 5:00 maximum running time
EF192002. Documentary – 5:00 maximum running time
EF192003. Live Action – 5:00 maximum running time
EF192004M. Middle School Best Film – 5:00 maximum running time

Creative Categories – all 5:00 maximum or excerpt

EF192005. Art Direction/Set Design
EF192006. Cinematography
EF192007. Directing
EF192008. Editing
EF192009. Sound Design – Original Score and Music
EF192010. Visual Effects
EF192011. Writing

Judging

The judges are looking for excellent storytelling, strong production value and original work created by teams from STN affiliate schools. All content, writing, video and audio must be original. The event encourages film-style storytelling and techniques. Entries are judged by professionals from within the film industry. All decisions by STN and the judges are final.

Submitting Your Entry

All Film Excellence entries must be submitted online using the STN Upload System. After registration, please follow the directions in your dashboard for entry preparation and upload.

If you are experiencing any problems contact the STN office immediately. It's your responsibility to manage your own upload. We cannot make allowances for technical issues.

All Film Excellence entries must be submitted by teachers. Please, no students should use the STN Upload System. There is a \$20 fee for submissions and must be paid by credit card.

Entries must be uploaded by 5pm PST on December 18, 2019.