



Gray's Reef Ocean Film Festival

Emerging Filmmakers Competition

WE INVITE SUBMISSIONS FROM UNIVERSITY LEVEL STUDENTS!

The Gray's Reef Ocean Film Festival Emerging Filmmakers Competition is designed to give emerging filmmakers an opportunity to tell their story about the ocean while discovering and enhancing their skills as filmmakers. Selected films will be judged by local and national professionals in the film and media industry, as well as ocean conservationists and education specialists.

Official selections will be screened at the Gray's Reef Ocean Film Festival in January 2015 at the Lucas Theatre in Savannah, Georgia. First, second and third place winning production teams and official selection teams will be recognized in an awards ceremony following the screening of films. Creativity and ingenuity is highly encouraged!

Competition Guidelines:

1. Subject material should be ocean-related and communicate one or both of the following themes:
 - In what ways are we all connected to the ocean?
 - In what ways does the ocean connect diverse cultures around the world?
2. Winning films will be chosen on the basis of creativity, skill, ingenuity, and the ability to tell a story that leaves the audience better informed and/or moved about the ocean
3. Films must be produced entirely by a student or a group of students
4. Film length: 15 minutes or less
5. Open to college/ university students
6. First, second and third place winners will be awarded.
7. Call for Entry announced: **September 16, 2014**
8. Deadline for submission: **December 7, 2014**

Winners will be awarded based on scores received by the judges of the Emerging Filmmakers Competition. Judging criteria is established in a scoring rubric (available on our website for reference). Attendance to the screening of student films is encouraged; however, winners need not be present to win.

**Please share with your community.
Invite family and friends to attend!**

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Instructions and Eligibility

Deadline for submission is December 7, 2014

Please complete one entry form (page 3) per film submission and mail it to the Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary office, or email to: amy.rath@noaa.gov. Only one entry form is needed for a film being submitted by a group of students. Once your film is received, along with the entry form, it officially enters the competition. All films will be viewed by a team of reviewers, but entry does not imply that every film will be selected for judging. Students or student teams will be notified if their film is an official selection. Official selections will be scored by a team of judges.

To submit your film project, please **create a password protected link** through **Vimeo** (<https://vimeo.com>) and **email link** to Gray's Reef Communications and Outreach Coordinator Amy Rath at amy.rath@noaa.gov with the following subject line **"FILM SUBMISSION LINK: Emerging Filmmakers Competition"** OR mail two (2) DVDs to our office at the address below:

Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Emerging Filmmakers Competition

Attention: Amy Rath
10 Ocean Science Circle
Savannah, Georgia 31411

Rules & Eligibility

- Eligibility:
 - Currently enrolled college/ university students
- Films must be produced and made in entirety by students or student teams
- Non-English films must have subtitles
- Project must have been completed between September 2013 - December 2014
- All film genres will be accepted
- Subject matter should focus on the **ocean** and should be in line with "connectivity" theme!
- Length: 15 minutes or less
- If copyrighted music or video is used, evidence of permission for use must be provided and acknowledged in the film. This is strictly enforced!

**Gray's Reef Ocean Film Festival
Emerging Filmmakers Competition Entry Form**

(Please submit one entry form per film submission)

Terms and Conditions (Please check the box)

- By submitting to the festival, you agree to the rules and eligibility qualifications listed in the box above. If any of these criteria are not met, your entry will be disqualified.
- By submitting an entry to the festival, you also agree to release the content for use in future promotion and programming. Entries will be accepted from all students in this age range (grades 6th-12th), entry is not exclusive to organized school programs and is open to all middle and high school level students. The top 10 films will be screened at a special program of the San Francisco International Ocean Film Festival. The top three winners will be announced at the screening.

Please check one:

- Individual Student Submission**
- Group Student Submission**

Primary Submission Contact:

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Mailing Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____

Country: _____

Phone number: (____) _____ **Email:** _____

School: _____ **Grade:** _____

Title of film: _____

Length: _____

Secondary Submission Contact (must be a guardian or teacher):

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Mailing Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____

Country: _____

Phone number: (____) _____ **Email:** _____

