



Gray's Reef Ocean Film Festival

Emerging Filmmakers Competition

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 and freshwater environments while discovering and enhancing their skills as filmmakers. Selected films will be judged by local and national professionals in the film and media industries, as well as ocean conservationists and education specialists.

Official selections will be screened at the Gray's Reef Ocean Film Festival on January 30, 2016 at the Lucas Theatre in Savannah, Georgia. Following the screening of the films, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winning production teams and official selection teams will be recognized in an awards ceremony. Creativity and ingenuity is highly encouraged!

Competition Guidelines:

1. Subject material should be related to our ocean or freshwater environments.
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. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be awarded.
7. Call for Entry announced: **October 1, 2015.**
8. Deadline for Submissions: **December 11, 2015.**

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 11, 2015.

Please complete [one online entry form per film submission](#). Only one entry form is needed for a film 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 guarantee that every film will be selected for judging. Students or student teams will be notified if their film is an official selection. Team not selected will also be notified. Official selections will be scored by a team of judges.

To submit your film project, please **create a password protected link** through **Vimeo** (www.vimeo.com) and **email the link** to Chris Hines at chris.hines@noaa.gov with the following subject line "**FILM SUBMISSION LINK: Emerging Filmmakers Competition.**" Dropbox and other file sharing services can also be accepted OR mail two (2) DVDs to our office at the address below:

Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Emerging Filmmakers Competition

Attention: Chris Hines
10 Ocean Science Circle
Savannah, Georgia 31411

Rules and Eligibility

- Eligibility: Currently enrolled college/university students
- Films must be produced and made in their entirety by students or student teams.
- Non-English films must have subtitles.
- Project must have been completed between September 2014—December 2015.
- All film genres will be accepted.
- Subject matter should be related to **our ocean or freshwater environments**.
- 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!

[Click here for the Emerging Filmmakers Competition Submission Form](#)