

## GRAY'S REEF FILM FESTIVAL – February 3-4, 2017



# The 14th Annual Gray's Reef Film Festival calls for *Student film submissions for the Emerging Filmmakers Competition* Accepting entries through December 9!

Are you a student filmmaker interested in helping protect our amazing ocean?

The Gray's Reef Film Festival invites your film submissions!



Dr. Sylvia Earle received the 2015 Gray's Reef Ocean Film Festival Lifetime Achievement Award.

The 2017 Gray's Reef Film Festival's theme is of "Our Community, Our Ocean." We will explore the link between the preservation of our community and conservation of our ocean along with featuring the incredible wonders of the ocean!

Through our student film competition, we hope to provide an opportunity for students to use their knowledge and skills to address important issues regarding our ocean and freshwater environments.

Filmmakers and filmmaking teams are encouraged to demonstrate their creativity and filmmaking skills for a panel of judges, including professional filmmakers, ocean conservationists, and educators.

**Selected films will be shown at the SCAD Museum of Art during the 14th Annual Gray's Reef Film Festival on February 4, 2017 in Savannah, GA.**



Winning student teams of the 2014 Emerging Filmmakers Competition showcase their awards.

Films will be selected on the basis of creativity, skill and the ability of the filmmakers to tell a story, to inform an audience and to move an audience to take action. A scoring rubric will be used for judging student films and is available for reference.

Awards will be given to first, second and third place winners of the Emerging Filmmakers Competition!

### Competition Guidelines

- Film submissions must be 15 minutes or less in length (including credits)
- All audio/video/graphic content must be original, copyright free or have written permission, and be properly documented.
- Video creation tools will be allowed for production, with documented use of such tools.
- All of the production must be the work of a student or student teams (capture, edit, produce).
- Final submissions should be in .mov format and must include a completed student film submission form.



The SCAD Museum of Art is Saturday's venue.

**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT FILMS IS DECEMBER 9, 2016.**

For more information visit, [www.graysreef.noaa.gov](http://www.graysreef.noaa.gov) or contact Chris Hines: [chris.hines@noaa.gov](mailto:chris.hines@noaa.gov).



# Gray's Reef Film Festival

## Emerging Filmmakers Competition

WE INVITE SUBMISSIONS FROM UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!

The Gray's Reef 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 Film Festival on February 4, 2017 at the theater in the SCAD Museum of Art 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 and freshwater environments or other conservation issues.
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 or environment.
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: **November 1, 2016**.
8. Deadline for Submissions: **December 9, 2016**.

*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!**

# Gray's Reef Emerging Filmmakers Competition

## Instructions and Eligibility

*Deadline for submission is December 9, 2016.*

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 (<https://vimeo.com>) and email the link to Chris Hines at [chris.hines@noaa.gov](mailto:chris.hines@noaa.gov) with the following subject line "**FILM SUBMISSION LINK: Emerging Filmmakers Competition.**" Dropbox and other file sharing services will also be accepted.

### 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.
- All film genres will be accepted.
- Subject matter should be related to **our ocean, freshwater, or conservation.**
- 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](#)