

2025 STUDENT FILM COMPETITION:

Rules/Information



Film submissions will be judged on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Creativity
- Technical proficiency
- Attention to detail
- Technique
- Uniqueness of filmmaking style

Awards will be given in the following categories:

- Excellence in Filmmaking
- Achievement in Cinematography
- Achievement in Directing
- Achievement in Screenwriting
- Achievement in Editing
- Achievement in Sound
- Achievement in Documentary Filmmaking
- Technical Achievement
- Central Coast Spirit Award

Key Dates

- March 1st, 2025 - FILMFREEWAY SUBMISSIONS OPEN
- April 25th, 2025 - FILMFREEWAY SUBMISSIONS CLOSE
- 5/9/25 - AWARD NOTIFICATIONS
- 5/18/25 - SCHOLARSHIP SCREENING EVENT

2025 COMPETITION RULES



- All applicants MUST be currently enrolled in a Central Coast High School
- All submissions must be NO LONGER than 10-minutes in length, and must not include explicit material of any kind.
 - Films from the following categories are accepted:
 - Narrative Live-Action Short Film (scripted)
 - Narrative Animated Short Film (scripted)
 - Documentary Short Film
 - Animated Documentary Short Film
 - Music Video
 - Experimental
 - Demo Reel
 - Films or videos from the following categories are NOT accepted:
 - VLOGs
 - TikToks/Social Media Reels
 - Slideshows
 - Streaming Clips
 - Films over 5 minutes
 - Copyrighted music may be used if the song's original artist and composer are credited

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR FILM



All films must be submitted on [FilmFreeway](#), and the following materials must be emailed to info@centralcoastfilmsociety.org

- Full Name
- School Name
- Date of submission
- Title and description of your submission including inspiration behind the work, any interesting facts/challenges about the project, and what you hope the film expresses about your filmmaking passions (no more than 5-7 lines)
- Student ID

By submitting your work to us, you are giving CCFS the non-exclusive right to publish your work in any format, including print, electronic, and online media. However, all individual contributors to CCFS retain the right to submit their work for non-exclusive publication elsewhere, and you have our permission to do so.

Plagiarism: CCFS has a no-tolerance policy for plagiarism. Any applicant whose winning work is determined to be plagiarized in whole or in part will forfeit any awards.

AWARD INFORMATION



Awards will be given in the following categories:

- Excellence in Filmmaking (\$400)
- Achievement in Cinematography (\$250)
- Achievement in Directing (\$250)
- Achievement in Screenwriting (\$250)
- Achievement in Editing (\$250)
- Achievement in Sound (\$250)
- Achievement in Documentary Filmmaking (\$250)
- Technical Achievement (\$250)
- Central Coast Spirit Award (\$250)

Judging

- All films will be screened and judged by a panel of industry professionals.
- Judging will take place between April 26th - May 8, 2025.
- All filmmakers, regardless of award status, will receive thorough feedback on their films from the jury.
- The jury will select the nine (9) winning films by May 9th, 2025. Winners will be notified via email/FilmFreeway.

Screening

- The nine (9) award-winning films will be screened on May 18, 2025 at the CCFS Student Scholarship Competition Celebration (location TBD).
- Students will **not** be notified what award their film has been selected for, and specific awards will be announced at a ceremony following the screening.