

Reno Film Festival X  
The Biggest Little Student Film Festival in the West

## Categories for Submission

### Fiction:

#### Short Film

- Narrative short, any genre
- Less than 5 Minutes

#### Experimental Video

- Less than 5 minutes
- This is distinguished from short film in that Experimental Film/Video breaks most of the rules associated with good storytelling and filmmaking technique and approach.
- The “experimental” label is used to indicate video that is meant to be abstract art more than it is meant to be a linear storyline or popular, mass entertainment.

#### Animation

- Less than 2 minutes
  - *\*Note: Animated pieces that exceed 2 minutes should be entered into the Short Film or Experimental Video categories, depending on its approach to storytelling.*
- Animated Shorts. Animation entries should be fully rendered short films with a clear storyline, not a random piece of animation or 3D modeling.

#### Music Video

- Less than 3 minutes
- Music Videos can be all original or use copyrighted music.
- **Copyrighted music used in Music Videos must be credited in the video to be accepted and may NOT be published separately**
- Original and copyrighted Music Videos will be judged together, with the focus being on production skills and techniques.

#### Category X: Literary Adaptations

- This themed category is a Short Film based on a **classic, well-known**, published work of literature (poetry, short stories, etc.)
- To qualify for this category, the short film must be an adaptation of a verifiably published work of literature.

- Students should choose works that are well-known in literature, so do not pick something obscure or an original story that has never been published.
- Less than 5 Minutes

## **Non-Fiction:**

### **Mini-Documentary**

- Documentary Feature Style Video. Distinguished from a news package in scope, length, style, and content.
- Less than 5 Minutes

### **Public Service Announcement**

- 30 Seconds Exactly
- Sponsored by Join Together Northern Nevada
- Topic: **Brain impairment in teens** from the abuse of Alcohol, Marijuana, or Prescription Drugs
- Must include the tagline “#DrugSmart”
- Cash Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$450, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$325, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$225

### **News Package/Report**

- Broadcast style, Real news stories and features
- Less than 3 Minutes

### **Awards:**

Awards include Trophies, Plaques, Certificates, Gift Certificates, and Cash prizes for the PSA category

A Winner and Runner-up will be awarded for each of the eight individual categories, with separate awards for Audience Favorite, Best Fiction, Best Non-Fiction, and Best in Show

All Finalists (Top 3 in each category), regardless of place, will receive Festival Finalist Certificates.

### **Reno FFX Information**

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