

Diverse Minds Film Festival 2017

Submission Guidelines

Last revised 2/23/2017: Note, these submission guidelines are subject to revision.

The Diverse Minds Film Festival invites any community member to submit your original video to be included in the 2017 Diverse Minds Film Festival.

The Diverse Minds Film Festival is intended to shine a light on individuals living with and in recovery from mental illness. Funded by the CalMHSA's Each Mind Matters community education program, are currently accepting shorts, animations, and other films highlighting the challenges and successes that individuals experience when living with mental illness and other life challenges.

The regional focus of this event is "Superior California," including residents of Butte, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, and Glenn Counties. While applicants from outside of this geographical area can enter, preference will be given to Superior California Residents.

The focus of this one day festival is on Short Films. Please limit submissions to videos or films with a total run time of under 45 minutes.

Submissions must not include inappropriate, offensive, or libelous material.

Submissions must be original, the sole work of the film maker who is submitting the piece.

All non-English language films must have legible English language subtitles.

Please note: If you are submitting multiple films, each film must be submitted as a separate entry. No more than three entries are allowed per person.

Entrants are responsible for obtaining any necessary licenses, royalties, release forms, clearances, and permits necessary to present their work. Northern Valley Catholic Social Service, Inc. and George Hills Company, Inc. (CalMHSA) is not responsible for any claim involving copyright, trademark, credits, or royalty infringement related to the work.

Every precaution will be taken to safeguard all materials sent to the Festival, but the Festival is not responsible for damage to submitted materials incurred by shipping to or from the Festival.

Works must be submitted in a common file video format: AVI, WMV, or MP4.

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Entries can be submitted in one of two ways:

- 1) By physically mailing (“snail mail”) the piece on a USB flash drive or as a data file on DVD with the attached signed submission and copyright forms to:

**Iversen Center
Attn: DMFF
492 Rio Lindo Ave.
Chico, CA 95926**

- 2) Alternately, entries can be submitted digitally by sending a downloadable link (Dropbox, Google Docs, etc.) of your film to our email address: **DMFF@nvcss.org**. If you use the digital option, the signed submission form or copyright form can be sent in one of two ways:
 - a. Print and Sign the documents and physically mail them to the address above.
 - b. Print and Sign the documents, and scan them into a .pdf and email this .pdf to the email address above

Submission does not guarantee inclusion in the festival. NVCSS, Inc. reserves the right to limit the number of entries presented at the festival. Final decisions will be made by NVCSS, Inc. and our community partners, and will not be negotiable. Entries received late or incomplete may be disqualified.

COMPETITION:

The Diverse Minds Film Festival is a competitive Film Festival. Films accepted are automatically eligible for the applicable competition category. A panel will screen all competition finalists, deliberate and announce the results at the end of the Festival.

Cash Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

Grand Prize \$400
Outstanding Student Submission \$200
Each Mind Matters Diversity Award \$200

Other non-cash awards and mentions may be determined at the discretion of the panel.

The Outstanding Student Submission requires that the filmmaker be a student 19 years old or younger at the time of submission.

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TIMELINE

3/10/17: All entries must be received by Friday March 10th, 2017. Physical Entries must be postmarked by March 10th.

4/3-7/17: Filmmakers will be notified as to whether or not their film has been selected, and the festival schedule will be posted in the first week of April, 2017.

4/30/17: Diverse Minds Film Festival Will be Held Sunday, April 30th, 2017.