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## SXSW Inaugurates Competition For Texas High Schools Winners Announced at SXSW Film 2005 (Mar. 11 - 19, 2005)

AUSTIN, TX - October 27, 2005 - Supporting and cultivating the next generations of filmmakers, SXSW Film introduces a Texas High School Students' Film Competition. The competition is open to all Texas high schools students enrolled in the 9th through 12th grades for the full 2004-05 academic year. Only films completed in 2004 will be considered (i.e., projects completed after December 31, 2004 are not eligible).

All films that are chosen as finalists will be shown in a special program as part of the regular SXSW Film 2005 schedule. Final round judging will be done by independent filmmakers and industry figures.

There will also be Film Conference programming for high school students developed in association with Austin's Center for Young Cinema (CYC has earned an enviable national reputation with its year round programming). There will be a very limited number of events opened to all students who enter the competition. (These sessions will be separate from regular SXSW programming and will not require a SXSW Film Registration badge, though there is a student registration rate for SXSW Film 2005.)

A special program of CYC produced films (not eligible for competition) will be screened in conjunction with SXSW Film 2005 with filmmakers in attendance to talk about their films and CYC.

Information on all SXSW 2005 events as well as a downloadable film entry form is available on the SXSW site (<http://www.sxsw.com>). Extra support and information designed to assist students in producing their films is provided at the 4empowerment site ([www.4empowerment.com](http://www.4empowerment.com)). Once a film is submitted it can be posted to the 4empowerment site, which will provide SXSW Film rules, details and links to resources for student filmmakers. This site will also host a discussion forum for students to engage in dialogue on film.

### Competition Details:

1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded, including full SXSW registration, scholarship money and other cool goodies.

Films are accepted for consideration only in VHS or DVD formats (SXSW has the capability to screen films during the Festival in a number of formats including Beta.) Be sure to retain copies of your submission. Submitted materials will not be returned.

Films' running times must be 5 minutes or less.

Films are being accepted now through Dec. 15, 2004. In order to register, students must fill out an entry form and get a film, media arts, English teacher or school Guidance Counselor to sign the form.

There is a special discounted \$10 processing fee for the High School Film Competition only. Submit a hard copy of the entry form (which can be downloaded from [www.sxsw.com](http://www.sxsw.com)) along with your film.

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