



## **ELIGIBILITY**

The Annual Film Festival is open to all Bay Area high school students.

No entry fee is required!

## **AWARDS**

Winners will receive movie production software and scholarships to the College of San Mateo, where they can pursue production studies using professional equipment in a new state-of-the-art digital facility. Entries may also be seen by millions of viewers on KCSM-TV's Youth Cinema series. The categories are:

- **Best Animation**
- **Best Comedy**
- **Best Drama**
- **Best Documentary**
- **Best Technical Achievement**  
(Cinematography, Editing, Sound, Lighting)
- **Best of Show** (Winner will receive a **\$1500 cash** award.)

## **DEADLINE**

**4:30 pm, March 1, 2010**

## **ENTRY GUIDELINES**

- All entries must tell a story and be between 3 to 5 minutes in length.
- Please submit two tested copies of your entry in DVD format. Do not submit original copies as entries will not be returned. Before submitting your entry, please check that your DVD can play on a DVD player, and not just on a computer.
- On your entry, please write your full name, total running time (TRT), and entry title using permanent marker.
- All work must be entirely high school student-produced. Entries with work done by anybody other than high school students will be disqualified.
- Entries must comply with FCC decency standards (no foul language, no nudity.)
- With each entry, please include a précis: a one page document describing how you went about creating your piece, any problems that you overcame, and any other important information you feel the judges should know about your production or your story.
- Since your entry may air on KCSM-TV, we encourage you to shoot in wide screen 16x9 format. You will not be penalized however, if you shoot in standard 4x3 format.

## **ABOUT KCSM**

KCSM broadcasts 24 hours a day on digital channel 43, serving the San Francisco Bay Area, the 5th largest television market in the US and reaching over 6.5 million viewers. KCSM is a member of the PBS television network and is owned by the San Mateo County Community College District.

## **QUESTIONS? Please contact:**

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**Please send your completed application, précis, and 2 copies of your entry to:**

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