



REEL TALK STUDENT FILM CONTEST

FACTS & DATES

Registration for the contest opens on **December 18, 2018** through **January 18, 2019**.

Students must register online using the online form found at www.sarasotafilmfestival.com/reeltalk.

The contest is open to students at **traditional** public schools in Sarasota County for grades 6-12. **Four winners** will be selected, one in the Middle School category (grades 6-8), two in High School (one for grades 9-10 and one for grades 11-12), and an **overall school district winner**. The public will also vote for their favorite PSA or People's Choice Winner to be held at a special screening in March.

All participants must attend a **bootcamp**, organized by the Sarasota Film Festival on **January 26th**. At the bootcamp the students will learn more about making PSAs and pick the subjects for their TV spots.

Submissions of completed projects will be due **February 22, 2019**, with reviews and voting happening in February and March. The People's Choice winner will be announced **March 7th, 2019**, followed by the announcement of official contest winners on **April 4th, 2019** prior to the Sarasota Film Festival (April 5 - 14, 2019).

CONTEST RULES

- All work must be original product of the participant(s) and include no copyrighted materials.
- Use of royalty-free or original music, VFX and stock footage and photos is permitted with submitted releases provided the majority of the PSA is created within the time period of the contest.
- All actors and interview subjects must sign the required release paperwork to be provided by the Sarasota Film Festival.

- All work, outside stock materials, must be produced during the time frame of the competition.
- To be eligible, entries must not contain any obscene or indecent material, may not contain defamatory statements about any person, company, organization or entity, may not invade privacy or other rights of any person, company or entity, may not in any other way violate applicable laws and regulations; and may not contain any copyrighted elements (other than as owned by the participant).
- Entries containing prohibited or inappropriate content as determined by the contest organizers, in their discretion, to be inappropriate will be disqualified. The organizers reserve the right to make the final determination as to which entries are eligible.
- A parental release form must be turned-in (signed) during the bootcamp.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

- The PSAs should be submitted in 2 versions - a 30-second and a 60-second. Both should be uploaded through the contest website.
- The submission format should be a file in **.mp4 or .mov** formats, with the technical specs of:
 - HD resolution of at 1920x1080
 - 24/30 fps
 - bitrate of no less than 10Mbps.