

10TH ANNUAL  
HEALTHY FUTURES OF TEXAS®  
**student  
film contest**  
POWERED BY TALK ABOUT IT TEXAS™

## TEXAS TEENS, GRADES 9 – 12: LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD!

**Share your story through film!** Submit a 3-minute film and help adults understand the issues and pressures teens really face.

This year the prompt for your films is: **What do you wish adults better understood about relationships and sex?**

**Wondering what to do with that idea?** Think about...

- What do parents or trusted adults often get wrong about relationships and sex, and how does that affect the choices teens make?
- Why is it hard for adults to talk about these topics, and what can they do to make it easier?
- How can parents or adults create an ongoing, honest conversation about sex and relationships instead of just having one big “talk”?

**submit your film by  
MARCH 14, 2025**

Healthy Futures of Texas’ film contest was created to give Texas youth an artistic platform to share their views on sex, sex ed, birth control, teen pregnancy, and more. Your 3-minute film helps adults understand your perspective and the pressures you face, while also raising awareness about our mission to support well-informed sexual health decisions for all Texas women and youth.

This year's Student Film Contest prompt:

# What do you wish adults better understood about relationships and sex?

## PRIZES

Healthy Futures of Texas will be awarding the following **cash prizes** to the winning films:

**1st Place:** \$1,000

**2nd Place:** \$750

**3rd Place:** \$500

School Department of 1st Place Winner will also receive: \$500

For film contest finalists who reside outside of the North Texas area, a travel stipend and one hotel room for one night will be provided.

## SCORING

**This is a juried competition.**

Below is the criteria breakdown:

- 30% for creativity
- 20% for technical merit (editing and film quality)
- 20% for clarity of message
- 30% for responsiveness to the prompt

## SUBMIT

Upload your video entries to: **filmfreeway/healthyfuturesoftxstudentfilmcontest** by **11:59 PM on MARCH 14, 2025**

The following Entry Forms are **MANDATORY** for consideration:

- Student Registration Form
- Permission and Release Form

## LIMITS

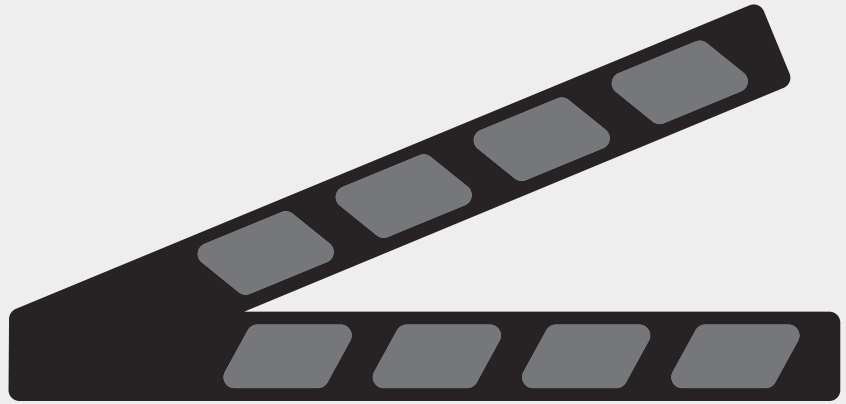
**Your work for this project should not:**

- Damage the environment
- Glamorize the taking of drugs
- Incite or condone intolerance or hatred of others
- Include excessive or gratuitous violence
- Make reference to, or represent, explicit sexual activity
- Violate your school's code of conduct

## RULES

- Teen filmmakers must be students grades 9-12
- Teams must have a teacher or adult sponsor
- Films must be created and edited by you
- You are responsible for providing your own equipment or the school's equipment to produce your film
- Films cannot exceed three minutes, excluding credits
- Films may be staged as a short play, commercial news broadcast talk show, music video, documentary, or any other creative narrative
- No PSAs, please
- Films must adhere to your school's Student Code of Conduct
- Films may not use copyrighted materials from outside sources without proper citation and permission
- Films must include credits listing the people who contributed to the production

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### WHAT WE WILL DO WITH YOUR FILMS

The film you submit may be used in the following ways:

- Films will be shown in their entirety to leaders, students and stakeholders that make decisions for youth in Texas
- Portions of the films may be used for advertising, public service announcements, fund-raising, and posts on social media
- Films may be sent to media outlets
- Films may be played at conferences
- Films will be used in any way we can to amplify the messages in them
- Films may be used in Healthy Futures of Texas's public awareness campaign and messages

### HOW TO ENTER

You may participate on no more than two video submissions.

Upload your film submission to:  
[filmfreeway.com/healthyfuturesoftxstudentfilmcontest](https://filmfreeway.com/healthyfuturesoftxstudentfilmcontest)

1. Download and fill out an entry form at [studentfilmcontest.org](https://studentfilmcontest.org)
2. Email your completed form to [spierce@healthyfutures-tx.org](mailto:spierce@healthyfutures-tx.org) by the entry deadline

Previously screened material, which adheres to above guidelines may be submitted. Schools must be vigilant to ensure that work undertaken by the student is appropriate for the context of the school and the age of the students.

**Questions?**  
for more information visit  
[studentfilmcontest.org](https://studentfilmcontest.org)

