

11TH 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:
**How is your life online shaping the
relationships you have offline?**

How is online activity (texting, social media, AI, etc.)
affecting friendships and dating?

submit your film by
MARCH 23, 2026

Healthy Futures of Texas' film contest was created to give Texas youth an artistic platform to share their views on sex and relationships, sex ed, 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.

 **healthy futures OF TEXAS**
Advancing informed sexual health decisions

Films will be screened
on **April 19, 2026**

Questions?
for more
information visit
studentfilmcontest.org



This year's Student Film Contest prompt:

How is your life online shaping the relationships you have offline?

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 23, 2026**

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

- Student Registration Form
- Permission and Release Form

LIMITS

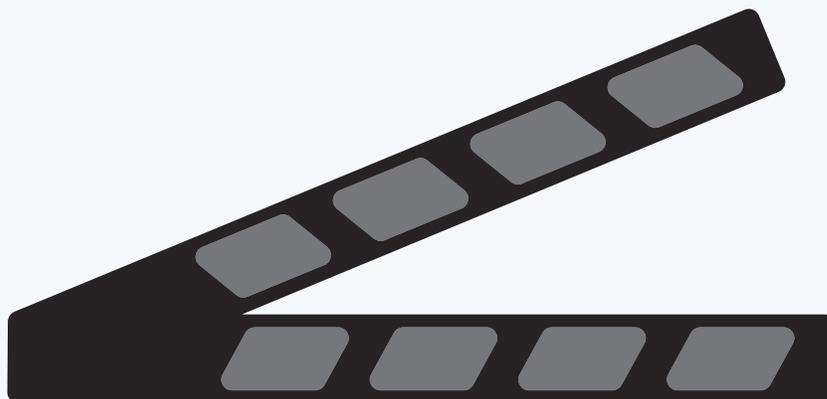
Your work for this project should not:

- 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
- While you may use generative AI tools in conceptualizing your film's direction, the content that is submitted (e.g. script and/or visuals presented) must be your own
- 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' 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

1. Download and fill out an entry form at **studentfilmcontest.org**
2. Email your completed form to **events@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.

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