

Niagara Falls Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee
Youth Empowerment Presents: Film Contest
General Rules and Regulations

Eligibility:

- The contest is open to all students currently enrolled in a Niagara Falls High School OR Niagara Falls residents in Grades 9-12 enrolled in school outside of Niagara Falls.
- Participation in the contest constitutes full and unconditional acceptance of and agreement to be bound by these contest rules by the student(s) and the legal guardian(s) of the student(s).

Objective:

Are you a high school student who has aspirations in the film industry?

Do you want to show Niagara Falls your work?

Sign up for MYAC's Film Contest! Student filmmakers are empowered to create a short film in any genre with the chance to have it shown off at MYAC's June Movie Night!

Contest Rules:

All content must be:

- Minimum 5 minutes, maximum 15 minutes long
- Any genre is permissible
- Original creation – reproducing, modifying, enhancing or altering a third party's preexisting work does not qualify as an original creation
- Created by currently enrolled high school students in grades 9-12
- Appropriate for a school/family setting (rated G, PG, or PG13)
- Standard MP4 format is preferred but not required
- No AI generated content will be accepted
- Films should include credits noting the contributions of all involved

Submission Guidelines:

Submissions will be accepted from May 9, 2025, until June 8th, 2025, at 11:59pm.

Submissions are done in two parts and will not be accepted unless both are complete:

- 1) Complete the entry form – [Linked here](#), on NFMYAC's LinkTree, or at Niagarafalls.ca
- 2) Email your video file to NFMYAC Staff Liaison Beth Angle – bangle@niagarafalls.ca

Determination of Winner:

- The winning entry will be selected by vote by the NFMYAC Youth Empowerment Subcommittee. Their decision will be final with no right of appeal.

- MYAC members are able to participate in contests so long as they are removed from the judging process.
- Contestants are permitted to work in groups, however, only one prize will be awarded per group should a group entry be chosen as a winner.
- The contest winner(s) will be notified via email and announced on NFMYAC Instagram in June.
- The odds of winning are dependent on the number of entries received.
- In the case that no suitable submission is received, the MYAC judging committee (Youth Empowerment) reserves the right to not select a winner.

Prize:

1st Place - \$100 Best Buy Gift Card & Film played at MYAC's June Movie Night

2nd Place - \$50 Best Buy Gift Card & Film played at MYAC's June Movie Night

This prize remains the same regardless of the size of the team submitting the winning entry.

Intellectual Property

- Contestants affirm their entries are their own original work, have not been copied from others or from previous designs, including their own, and do not violate the intellectual property rights of any other person or entity.
- Entries become the sole property of the MYAC and may be used for any MYAC purposes, including, but not limited to, display on websites, social media, promotional material (including such things as flags) or printed materials.
- MYAC will have the right to adapt, edit, modify, or otherwise use the winning entry in part or in its entirety in whatever manner it deems appropriate.
- MYAC reserves the right to choose not to use the winning entry as described in these contest guidelines.
- MYAC reserves the right to use any other entry received for future and/or different promotional purposes in its sole discretion.
- If the contest winner(s) is determined to have violated any rules, the contest winner(s) will be required to forfeit or return the prize, even if the determination is made after the prize has been awarded.
- The contestant(s) and their legal guardian(s) irrevocably, perpetually and without limitation grant the MYAC the rights to use, publish, adapt, sub-license, edit, dispose of and/or modify the entry, in any way and also waive all rights, including moral rights in the entry without notice or compensation and agree to sign a release to that effect.

Disclaimer

- MYAC is not responsible for lost, late, misdirected, incomplete, illegible, or otherwise unusable entries, including entries that are lost or unusable due to computer, internet, or electronic problems.

- If for any reason, the contest is not capable of running as planned, the MYAC reserves the right in its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, suspend or modify the contest and award the prize by alternate means if fraud or technical failure is determined at any time by MYAC, including after the submission window has closed.
- MYAC is not liable, for winner and prize notification and delivery, in the event the contest winner(s) has provided incorrect, outdated, or otherwise invalid contact information.

General

- The contestant(s) and/or the contestant's legal guardian(s) must fill out the Entry form and follow contest directions in full to be eligible.
- By entering the contest, the contestant(s) and/or the contestant's legal guardian(s) consent to the release of the contestant's name(s) and permit photographs of the contestant(s) and their entry for use in publicity with the media and/or inclusion on the MYAC website or social media feeds.
- The contestant(s) and/or the contestant's legal guardian(s) must acknowledge that all contest rules have been complied with when submitting the entry.
- The contest winner(s) will be required to respond to our selection/congratulations email in order to redeem the prize.
- By entering the contest, the contestant(s) and their legal guardian(s) expressly consent to the MYAC storing, sharing and using the personal information submitted with the entry for the purpose of administering the contest.