

One Earth Young Filmmakers: Contest Kit

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About One Earth Young Filmmakers Contest:

The Young Filmmakers Contest has been a part of the [One Earth Film Festival](#) since 2013. **Its purpose** is to engage youth in the national conversation about climate change and think about actions to reverse the current trend, because we believe in the **power of people** to make a difference in sustainability.

HOW IT WORKS

We ask students to **research one of six sustainability topics**: energy, food, transportation, waste, water or open space/ecosystems and then create a film of 3 to 8 minutes in length (45 seconds for animation).

- **3-8 minute films** should present a solution to a problem from one of the six topics.
- **Animations** can present a solution, or motivate viewers towards awareness or behavior change for one of the six topics.

PRIZES

Cash prizes are awarded at the elementary school, middle school, high school and college levels, along with **matching grants** for sustainability organizations of each winner's choice, related to the theme of their film. **Winning films will premiere** at the One Earth Film Festival in March 2017.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

- [PDF Poster for Young Filmmakers Contest 2017.](#)
- [Link to Contest Details.](#)
- [Link to Winners from 2016.](#)
- Download JPG for social media [HERE](#).
*Please share the above JPG with [this link about the overall contest.](#)

WHY THIS CONTEST?

We hope this is seen as a **great opportunity** by students, educators, and families for students to win money, create change through their own grant-making, and to be a real live filmmaker. We think this contest for students who are:

- Already interested in **environmental** topics and want to help get the word out in a big way.
- Great with **media and technology** (even just a mobile phone w a video app), putting their skills to work on behalf of our planet.
- Curious, socially-conscious, and up for using **media and the arts for social change.**

To request printed postcards and flyers about the Young Filmmakers Contest, please complete [this very brief form](#). **For questions**, please contact lisa@greencommunityconnections.org.