DEMOCRACY 2022 YOUTH FILM CHALLENGE RULES

The following are the rules and regulations for the Democracy 2022 Youth Film Challenge (the “Challenge”) organized by the Civic Life Project (CLP).

1. Eligibility:

Each Challenge Entrant must be between the ages of 15 – 25. Submissions to the Challenge may be made by individual or teams (“Entrant”). The Submission must be an original works. Participants agree not to use, reproduce, incorporate into their submission or otherwise or display without permission any material or work created by or belonging to a third party, or to otherwise violate any third-party intellectual property rights, including but not limited to copyright or trademark rights, or otherwise violate any applicable U.S. law or the law of the individual Entrant’s country of residence. Please note participant videos cannot feature people or music without gaining approval through a signed release, with the exception of music obtained for free or licensed from the internet. CLP will provide model (i.e., people) and property release forms for use by Entrants.

CLP welcomes submissions regardless of race, color, religion, geographic origin, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, socioeconomic status, appearance and national origin.

Employees of CLP, its affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising and promotion agencies, suppliers and its immediate family members and/or those living in the same household are not eligible to participate in the Challenge. The Challenge is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

The Challenge welcomes all submission

2. Agreement to Rules:
By participating, the Entrant agrees to be fully unconditionally bound by these Rules, and represents and warrants that they meet the eligibility requirements of paragraph 1 above. In addition, the Entrant agrees to accept the decisions of CLP as final and binding.

3. Challenge Period:

Entries will be accepted online starting on or December 1, 2021 at 12:00 AM EST.

Final deadline for all submissions is August 14, 2022 at Midnight EST.

4. How to Enter:

The Challenge must be entered by filling the entry form on the Civiclife-project.org (https://civiclife-project.org/the-challenge/submit-your-film/) website. The entry must fulfill all Challenge requirements, as specified, to be eligible to win a prize. Entries that are not complete or do not adhere to the rules or specifications may be disqualified at the sole discretion of CLP. You must fill in the information requested and link the appropriate video. You understand that your entry will be reviewed by Challenge judges and will be posted online after the end of the Challenge.

5. Submission Focus and Target Audience:

Submissions must be suitable for airing on broadcast and cable television and must comply with all FCC rules and regulations, and any applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. CLP reserve the right, in their sole discretion, to reject any submission because it fails to meet any of the Challenge rules, is determined to be in poor taste, or is of unacceptable quality.

6. Criteria and Judging:
Submissions will be judged by a panel of judges determined and selected in the sole discretion of CLP. The following criteria may be used in ranking the submissions: the extent to which the videos create new understanding and empathy around the importance of civic dialogue, citizenship, civility, democracy and compromise; creativity, originality, production value, script content and structure, sound design, lighting, editing, artistic expression, balanced and informed point of views and professionalism.

All submissions should not be partisan or endorse a political candidate. Submissions, however, can address a range of political views on a particular issue being explored by the video.

CLP reserves the right to add, delete, amend or modify the judgment noted criteria at any time. Each submission will be ranked according listed criteria at the sole discretion of CLP. In the event a potential winner is disqualified for any reason, the eligible Entrant with the next highest rank in the pool of Entrants will be chosen. In the event that no completed submissions are received, no prize will be awarded. Determinations of CLP judges are final and binding.

7. Prizes:

Documentary Category

- First Prize: $5,000
- Second Prize: $2,000
- People’s Choice Award: $1,000

Social Media Category

- First Prize: $2,500
- Second Prize: $1,000
- People’s Choice Award: $500
You are not guaranteed to win a prize and your chance of winning is dependent on the total number of eligible entries received. No substitution of prize or transfer/assignment of prize to others or request for the cash equivalent by winners is permitted. Acceptance of prize constitutes permission for CLP to use winner's name, likeness, and entry for purposes of advertising and trade without further compensation, unless prohibited by law. Participants shall be solely liable for any applicable federal, state and/or local tax associated with any prize, award or payment.

8. Technical Specifications:

The Submission shall be 6 to 8 minutes in length for the documentary category and up to three minutes for the social media category, with a possible addition of up to 4 seconds devoted to a tag line added by CLP after the conclusion of the Challenge. The films should be uploaded to YouTube or Vimeo.

9. Legal Disclosure:

By entering, all Entrants represent and warrant that their Submissions are entirely their own original creations, and that they have written releases from any person, or from the owner of any property, appearing therein, which they shall make available to CLP upon request.

All model/property releases shall be on a form supplied by CLP. Such model or property releases shall include irrevocable permission for use of the image of likeness of such person or property appearing within the submission for all uses, including without limitation for advertising, publicity and promotion purposes without additional compensation.

Entrants retain all rights, title, interest and claims in ad to submission entered into the Challenge. Entrants allow CLP to distribute in all media in perpetuity the submissions entered into the Challenge. Participants, through their submission, grant permission to CLP to judge the film and the CLP to share the video along with Entrants names and biographical information without incurring any fees or abiding by any requirements of participant.

By participating in the Challenge, Entrants agree to cooperate with
CLP in promoting the Challenge and their submission. If a submission is featured at an award ceremony or event, Entrants agree to attend, if feasible.

By accepting a prize, all winning Entrants agree to the use by CLP, its agents and assigns, of Entrants' names, likeness, biographical information and/or submission for any advertising, publicity and promotional purposes without additional compensation, unless prohibited by law. Entrants shall be solely liable for any applicable federal, state and/or local tax associated with any prize, award or payment.

10. Indemnification:

By participating in the Challenge, Entrants agree to indemnify and hold harmless CLP, its advertising and promotion agencies and their respective parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, partners, representatives, agents, successors, assigns, employees, officers and directors, from any and all liability, for loss, harm, damage, injury, cost or expense whatsoever including without limitation, property damage, personal injury and/or death which may occur in connection with, preparation for, or participation in the Challenge or preparation of a submission, or possession, acceptance and/or use or misuse of prize or participation in any Challenge-related activity and for any claims arising out of any activities related to the Challenge or a submission, including claims of copyright or trademark infringement or violation of privacy or publicity rights.

11. Governing Law:

All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these official rules or the rights and obligations of entrants or sponsor in connection with the Challenge shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the state of Connecticut without giving effect to any choice of law of conflict of law rules or provisions that would cause the application of any other state's laws.