



Teaneck International Film Festival 2017 – November 2-5

Smart Phone Film Contest

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Now in its 12th year, the Teaneck International Film Festival, a project of the Puffin Foundation, makes controversial topics part of everyday conversation by addressing racism, oppression, bullying, the environment, the LGBTQ community, women's concerns, immigration, voting rights – showing movies about the person whose story is not often told.

This year, TIFF, in partnership with the Teaneck Board of Education and Age-Friendly Teaneck, is sponsoring a **“Smart Phone Film Contest”** for all high school students who live in Teaneck. **Submissions must be entered by October 1, 2017. First Prize: \$150, 2nd Prize: \$75, 3rd Prize: \$50**

The rules for submissions are as follows:

- Must be an ORIGINAL documentary piece, 3-5 minutes long, filmed on a smart phone (more than one entry may be submitted)
- Must be completed by a 9th-12th grade Teaneck resident (from any high school)
- The focus should be on an interview with an older Teaneck resident (living here now or having lived here) with something to share about a unique Teaneck moment, memory, or place. A list of people willing to be interviewed will be emailed to participants upon request, or may be picked up at the Forum office in Teaneck High School. (Students have the option to choose someone who is not on the list.)
- To submit a piece, students must send their finished project - uploaded to Youtube.com with the link mailed to tiff@teaneckfilmfestival.org - and include in that email name/school/grade/email address/phone number.
- Contacts are Yvonne Witter at THS Forum – ywitter@teaneckschools.org, Jason Guzman – jasonguz201@gmail.com and Jeannette Curtis-Rideau – jrideau@nj.rr.com.

THE EXCITING FINISH?? The three top winners will have their films paired and shown with others in the 2017 TIFF, and will be invited to all TIFF events. Other entries may be in a special program of student shorts. All participants will be invited to attend a special workshop with acclaimed documentary filmmaker Deborah Riley Draper, who presented her highly touted project Olympic Pride, American Prejudice at last year's festival.

Become a filmmaker! Enter the contest today!

