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**Call for Student-Produced Human Rights Short Films**  
**Submissions accepted Feb. 1 - Mar. 7, 2017**

Fort Collins, CO, Feb. 1, 2017-- This year, the ACT Human Rights Film Festival introduces a new student filmmaker section focusing on themes related to human rights. The top short films will be screened on the closing day and receive cash prizes.

Student filmmakers are invited to submit an original short narrative fiction, documentary, or animated film for selection in the film festival, which celebrates excellence in the field of socially conscious cultural production. Submissions must be 10 minutes or less and focus on a human rights topic. Films are accepted now through Mar. 7, 2017, at [filmfreeway.com](http://filmfreeway.com) or [actfilmfest.org](http://actfilmfest.org).

Entries must be from students living in the Intermountain West region of the United States, which comprise the following states: Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Utah, and Arizona.

Submissions must include a brief synopsis. Entrants must send a photocopy of a current student I.D. to [lindsey@actfilmfest.org](mailto:lindsey@actfilmfest.org). Films in languages other than English must be subtitled in English. The student filmmaker section includes juried awards and cash prizes. First place, \$500; second place, \$250.

Complete contest rules can be found at [www.actfilmfest.org](http://www.actfilmfest.org).

The second annual ACT Human Rights Film Festival occurs April 14-21, 2017, in Fort Collins, Colo. ACT is produced by the Department of Communication Studies at Colorado State University and is the intermountain west's only film festival dedicated to human rights. ACT curates the most relevant, recent, and acclaimed documentary and narrative fiction human rights cinema produced around the world. Learn more at [www.actfilmfest.org](http://www.actfilmfest.org).

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