



2016 Youth Film Jury Application

APPLICATION DUE: June 24, 2016

WHAT IS A YOUTH FILM JURY?

At film festivals across the globe, a selection of accomplished and noted filmmakers and professionals within the industry are selected to watch and adjudicate a select series of films (*narrative, documentary, animation, short, etc.*) and award a prize to the best film in its respective category. The same criteria exist at RIIF and have for the past 20 years of the Festival's existence. Indeed, 38 films from RIIF have gone on to receive Academy Award® nominations and there have been 8 wins.

At RIIF there is a twist to this model: a secondary jury of high school students are chosen to screen and award the **Flickers' Youth Film Jury Awards**. Those selected for the Jury learn the art of film curation, are able to witness from the inside how a world-class film festival is created and run, and are able to work with Festival organizers as volunteers while meeting and networking with visiting international filmmakers. The Jury become part of the Festival Team and is given a bird's eye view of the art and craft and film festival production.

JURY REQUIREMENTS: Those who apply must: **1.** Be currently enrolled in high school, or an incoming **Freshman or Sophomore** college student; **2.** Be available for multiple screenings, events, meetings, etc. during the Festival, which takes place August 9-14th, in addition to preliminary organizational and tutorial meeting(s) before the Festival; **3.** Have access to reliable transportation throughout the week, as this is not provided (however, most venues will be within walking distance); **4.** Be prepared to dedicate at least 10 volunteer hours during the Festival; and **5.** Write a 5-page paper on the Festival experience and your experience within the Flickers' Youth Film Jury.

PLEASE NOTE: Submit completed your application and all requested materials by **JUNE 24, 2016**.

JURY BENEFITS: Accepted applicants will have the opportunity to: **1.** View a wide variety of films (narrative, documentary, animations, shorts, etc.) that they may never have otherwise had the chance to see; **2.** Meet and interact with filmmakers, actors, industry professionals, and other film lovers from around the world; **3.** Attend special screenings, world and US. premieres, and more; **4.** Participate in a program that will stand out on college applications and resumes; **5.** Volunteer at the Festival and become part of the RIIF team; and, **6.** Network and make connections to aid future endeavors in the film world!

Participation in the Flickers' Youth Film Jury provides all-access passes to the Festival and a mentored learning environment. **The educational value for each participant is worth \$1,000.**

ABOUT APPLYING:

- To apply for participation in the **2016 Flickers: Rhode Island International Film Festival Youth Film Jury**, please fill out the attached application and return it, upon completion, with the other required materials. These documents must be submitted or postmarked by the submission deadline of **June 24, 2016. This is a firm deadline. Please do not miss it.**

- Accepted applicants will be notified by e-mail and/or phone by **July 3, 2016**.

WHERE TO SUBMIT THE COMPLETED APPLICATION:

Applicants may submit their completed application (postmarked) by June 24, 2016 or send via email to: quirk@film-festival.org or info@film-festival.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact at (401) 861.4445

If you mail your application, please send via USPS to the following address:

RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Attn: **Flickers' Youth Film Jury**

Shawn Quirk, Program Director

The Vets, 83 Park Street, Suite 5, Providence, RI 02903



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Legal Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

PLEASE VIEW PAGE THREE FOR OTHER APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Emergency Information Contact Name: _____

Relation: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Notes:

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT:

Please note that applications WILL NOT be accepted WITHOUT express written consent of the applicant's Parent/Guardian. While juries are shown age appropriate films, RIFF must inform parents that many movies are unrated and some films may contain mature subject matter. Some of the films may be intended for youth 17+ and would be R-rated by the MPAA. Titles and descriptions will be divulged when available and any reservations based on content of films may be discussed with the festival administration at any time. Also, please note that food and transportation to/from any screening and/or festival-related event will NOT be provided. If chosen, the student must provide his/her own transportation to all events unless the venue is in walking distance.

As parent/guardian of _____ I am aware of his/her application for the RIFF Youth Jury and consent to his/her involvement, if selected.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____



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TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF:

For the final section of the **Flickers' Youth Film Jury Application**, you MUST complete both Parts A - D that are listed below. (Part D is optional.) Please be sure to answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application.

A. LIST AND DESCRIBE

Please list your five (5) favorite films and give a brief description explaining your choices. (A few sentences per film will suffice).

B. YOU AND FILM

Tell us what draws you to the world of film. What excites you about it? How long has this been an interest and was there any pivotal experience that confirmed this interest?

C. ELEMENTS OF FILM

What part of the film experience do you like most? The story? The acting? The directing? The special effects? The music? **Tell us why.**

D. SHORT ANSWER ABOUT WHY YOU SHOULD BE ON THE YOUTH JURY

Why should you be selected for the RIIF Youth Film Jury? Your answer should address your interests in film and/or RIIF, and any details you would like to share. (Please keep this no longer than one page).

E. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (Optional)

You also have the option of sending us a letter from an instructor recommending you for this program.

Thank you for your time; we wish you the best of luck! Accepted applicants will be notified by email and/or phone by: **July 3, 2016**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE
FLICKERS: RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Please Visit: www.rifilmfest.org