Bridging Divides, Healing Communities 2021 Youth Film Challenge

The following are the rules and regulations for the Bridging Divides, Healing Communities Youth Film Challenge (the"Challenge"). The Challenge has been designed and is being implemented by the Civic Life Project (CLP) and Berkshire Film and Media Collaborative (BFMC) (the "Organizers.") in partnership with Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation (BTCF).

1. Eligibility:

- Submissions to the Challenge may be made by an individual or teams.
- Each Challenge Participant and every member of a team ("Participant") must be 14-24 years of age and live or attend school in the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation region (see map).
- Submissions must be original works. Participants agree not to use, reproduce, incorporate into their submission or otherwise 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 participant's country of residence. Please note participant films 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. The organizers will provide model (i.e., people) and property release forms for use by participants.

Employees of the Organizers, BTCF and their immediate family members and/or those living in the same household of each are not eligible to participate in the Challenge. The Challenge is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

2. Agreement to Rules: By participating, every participant agrees to be bound by these Rules, and represents and warrants that they meet the eligibility requirements of paragraph 1 above. In addition, each participant agrees to accept the decisions of the Organizers concerning their submissions as final and binding.

3. Challenge Time Period: Entries will be accepted online starting on July 1, 2021 through November 1, 2021.

4. How to Enter: The Challenge must be entered by filling the entry form on the berkshirefilm.org website (https://berkshirefilm.org/youth-film-challenge/). The submission 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 the Organizers. Participants must fill in the information requested and link the appropriate video. Submissions 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. The Organizers 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 the Organizers. The following criteria may be used in ranking the submissions: the extent to which the films create new understandings and empathy around the importance of civic dialogue, citizenship, civility, democracy and compromise; creativity, originality, cinematography, production value, script content and structure, sound design, lighting, editing, artistic expression, balanced and informed point-of-view, 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 film.

The Organizers reserve the right to add, delete, amend or modify the above-cited criteria at any time. Each submission will be ranked according to the listed criteria in the sole discretion of the Organizers. In the event a potential winner is disqualified for any reason, the eligible Participant with the next highest rank in the pool of Participants will be chosen. In the event that no completed submissions are received, no prize will be awarded. Determinations of the judges are final and binding.

The Challenge welcomes all submissions regardless of race, color, religion, sexual orientation or gender identify, national origin or disability.

Prizes:

- **First Prize: $2,000**
- **Second Prize: $1,000**
- **Third Prize: $500**
- **Plus Honorable Mentions**

Participants are not guaranteed to win a prize and the chance of winning is dependent on the total number of eligible entries received. Acceptance of prize constitutes permission for the Organizers to use (without further compensation) winner's name, likeness and entry in connection with the Bridging Divides, Healing Communities initiatives and charitable missions of the Organizers. Participants shall be solely liable for any applicable federal, state and/or local tax associated with any prize, award or payment.

7. Technical Specifications: Submissions shall be 6 minutes or less in length. Films should be submitted via the Film Freeway link provided.

8. Copyright and Permissions:

- By entering, all Participants 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, that appears in the film, which releases they shall make available to the Organizers upon request.
- All model/property releases shall be on a form supplied by the Organizers. Such model/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.
- Participants retain all rights, title interest and claims in and to submissions entered into the Challenge. Participants, through their submission, grant permissions to the Organizers to judge the film and for the Organizers and BTCF to share the film along with Participant names and biographical information without incurring any fees or abiding by any requirements of the Participant.
- By participating in the Challenge, entering Participants agree to cooperate with the Organizers in promoting the Challenge and their submission. If a submission is featured at an awards ceremony or event, Participants agree to attend, if feasible.
- Participants shall be solely liable for any applicable federal, state and/or local tax associated with any prize, award or payment.

9. Indemnification: By participating in the Challenge, Participants agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Organizers and BTCF and employees, officers and directors, from any and all liability, loss, harm, damage, injury, cost or expense arising out of such Participants submission, or participation in the Challenge, including, without limitation, any third-party claims of copyright or trademark infringement or violation of privacy or publicity rights. All Participants must confirm this obligation of indemnification when completing the Challenge entry form.

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