2026 Student Film Prize

The Rotary Club of Redondo Beach Presents:
2nd Annual

SOUTH BAY FILM FEST

March 28, 2026

Hermosa Beach Community Theatre

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"Courage"

Calling all South Bay students! It's time to get creative and share your story in our exciting South Bay Student Film Contest! This year's theme is all about **courage**—and we want to see how you bring it to life. Whether it's stepping out of your comfort zone and trying something new, standing up for what you believe in, speaking up for someone who doesn't have a voice, or the courage to truly be your authentic self, the possibilities are endless! Let your imagination run wild and show us how you define **courage** in your world.

Important Dates:

Submit your film by **March 14th, 2026.**

Winners will be announced by **March 20th, 2026.**

Film Festival Premiere: **March 28th, 2026**

So grab your camera, smartphone, or 8 mm, start brainstorming, and get ready to showcase your creativity and **courage** to the South Bay!

We can't wait to see what you come up with!

The Rotary Club of Redondo Beach Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization.

Here's how it works:

Film length: approx. **3-8 minutes (8 minutes maximum**. Films exceeding the maximum runtime may have points deducted).

Location: Shoot your film right here in the South Bay, with visible local landmarks or familiar gathering spots.

Deadline: Submit your **MP4** masterpiece by **March 14th, 2026** to

RotaryYouthExchange5280@gmail.com

Why Enter?

Cash Prizes! The top prize is $500!

Film Festival Premiere: The winning films will be shown at the Hermosa Beach Community Theater during the Rotary Club of Redondo Beach's South Bay Film Festival on March 28, 2026.

Celebrate with Friends & Family: Everyone is invited to attend and cheer on the winners.

Recognition: All winners will be announced at the festival and awarded their prizes!
Online Exposure: Winning films will also be available online for everyone to enjoy.

"COURAGE" Student Film Contest Rules & Guidelines

By entering the contest, you grant the organizers permission to post your film on the official website and present it at the film fest scheduled for March 28, 2026, in Hermosa Beach. Please note that no compensation will be provided for films that do not win an award. Furthermore, any submissions found to include plagiarized or unauthorized material will be disqualified. The decisions of the judges are final. We look forward to celebrating creativity and courage through your inspiring films.

1. ELiGiBiLiTY
Only students currently enrolled in a high school or middle school in Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Torrance, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Gardena, Lawndale, San Pedro or Palos Verdes are eligible to participate.

2. FiLM REQUiREMENTS
Length: Recommended: **3-5 minutes**; **Maximum: 8 minutes**

Theme: Every film must incorporate the concept of **courage** in some manner. The film should also include recognizable South Bay landmarks or gathering spots. **Disqualification:** Films that do not adhere to the theme, exceed the maximum runtime, or otherwise fail to meet these guidelines are subject to disqualification.

3. SUBMiSSiON AND RiGHTS
By submitting your film, you grant The Rotary Club of Redondo Beach permission to:

- Post your film on its film festival website.
- Present your film at the film fest on March 28, 2026, in Hermosa Beach.
- Your submission may also be used for promotional and non-commercial purposes related to the contest.

4. AWARDS AND COMPENSATiON
Non-Winning Films: No compensation will be provided for films that do not win an award.
Awards and prizes will be distributed to the winners as determined by the contest organizers.

5. ADDiTiONAL TERMS
All submissions must be original works created by the participant(s).
Any form of plagiarism or unauthorized use of materials (including music) will result in disqualification.

The judges' decisions are final, and no further correspondence regarding contest outcomes will be entertained.

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6. All submissions must refrain from including explicit nudity, inflammatory content, obscenity, hateful symbols, language, or any material deemed offensive or harmful. Minor exception will be made if such elements serve as a critical plot point and are ultimately resolved within the film's narrative. All films will be reviewed under these guidelines, and submissions not meeting these criteria may be disqualified.

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REDONDO BEACH ROTARY STUDENT FiLM CONTEST

Submission Form

Please complete all sections of this form to submit your film for consideration.

Film Title: _____

Director/Filmmaker Name: _____

CONTACT INFORMATiON:

Email: _____

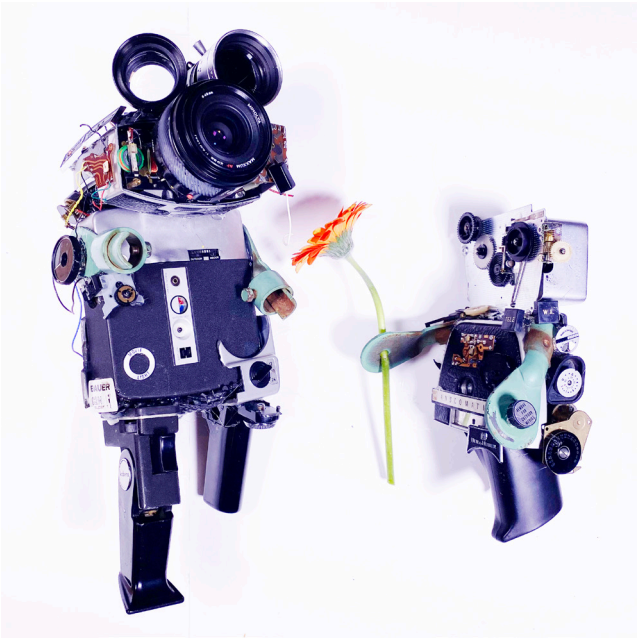
Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Film Details: _____

Runtime (in minutes): _____

Brief Description/Synopsis:



Originality and Copyright Declaration:

I hereby certify that the film I am submitting is an original work created solely by me (or by the team listed above) and does not contain any plagiarized content. I affirm that no copyrighted material has been used in the film unless I have obtained prior written permission from the appropriate intellectual property rights holders. If any copyrighted material is included, I understand that I am responsible for providing documentation of such permissions upon request. I acknowledge that any breach of these declarations may result in the disqualification of my film from the contest.

Agreement:

By signing below, I confirm that I have read, understood, and agreed to abide by all contest rules and guidelines.

Student Name::_____ Parent Name: _____

Student Signature:_____ Parent Signature:_____

Date: _____