

NEXTWAVE

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NEXTWAVE YOUTH FILM 2019 – school newsletters

Calling all film fans!

The search is on for the next wave of young regional Australian filmmakers.

The 5th annual youth film program (previously called REC Ya Shorts Youth Film Festival), is host to Australia's largest regional youth short film competition, now open to young creatives living outside all metropolitan areas.

Young filmmakers across regional Australia aged between 10 and 25 years old can create short films ranging from a variety of genres, including comedies, dramas, thrillers, animations, and lifestyle films and submit to the competition to win some amazing awards and prizes. Keen non-fiction creatives can also compete for the new Documentary Award, capturing real stories in their local communities.

If you're aged between 10 – 25 years and live in regional Australia, all you have to do is make a short film (or several) and submit to the festival for your chance to win some amazing prizes and get your film up on the big screen. So, whether you have a YouTube channel or have story to tell, get your friends together, bring out the cameras and start making movie magic.

The deadline for submissions is 11:59pm on **September 23rd**, and your film needs to be less than 6 minutes long and suitable for all ages. Get inspired by our 2019 creative theme, **DISCOVERY**, include the signature item **GAME** and run with it from there.

Along with filmmaking prizes all finalist's films will have their world premiere at the Screenwave International Film Festival (www.swiff.com.au) in Coffs Harbour in January 2020. Finalists' films will also screen at venues across Australia for Youth Week in 2020.

The program also sees focused in-school filmmaking workshops travelling across NSW for students and teachers interested in learning what it's all about behind the scenes, and how to make your first short film.

For more information about the competition, visit www.nextwavefilmfest.com.au