



## FOCUS ON IMPACT STUDENT ART COMPETITION & EXHIBIT TEACHER PARTICIPATION & COMMITMENT

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Teachers participating in the FOCUS Art Program play a critical role in supporting students throughout the submission, selection, and exhibition process. To ensure a smooth and timely experience for all involved, the following commitments are required:

### **By participating in this program, teachers agree to:**

- Serve as the primary point of contact for the San Diego International Film Festival throughout the duration of the program.
- Collect and submit all required parent/guardian consent and waiver forms for student participation.
- Provide a reliable email address that will be used for ongoing communication regarding student submissions, finalist selection, and exhibition details.
- Remain engaged and responsive if a student from their classroom is selected as a finalist or winner, including assisting with communication between SDIFF and the student's parent or guardian if needed.
- Support timely responses to requests for information, approvals, and deadlines related to artwork display and event participation.

### **Parent/Guardian Communication**

- While SDIFF will communicate directly with parents/guardians whenever possible, teachers agree to act as a secondary contact should a parent or guardian be unresponsive.
- This ensures students can fully participate in the exhibition and recognition opportunities connected to the program.

### **Finalist & Winner Requirements**

- Selected students must meet all required deadlines, including submission of signed consent forms and confirmation of participation in the exhibition.
- If a selected student and/or parent or guardian does not respond or comply by the stated deadlines, SDIFF reserves the right to advance a runner-up in order to maintain program timelines and exhibition commitments.

### **Exhibition & Recognition**

- Finalists artwork will be featured in a public exhibition as part of the San Diego International Film Festival.
- Winner and Finalists will also be invited to be recognized during the Night of the Stars Tribute and Art Exhibit opening. Attendance is encouraged but not required.

## SUBMISSION DETAILS

**Deadline: May 30, 2026 | Online Submission Form: [CLICK HERE](#)**

*Before submitting, please have the following ready:*

- Signed Parent/Guardian Consent Waiver [CLICK HERE](#)
- Digital file of artwork (JPG, PDF, or EPS format)
- Artwork title
- Student artist statement
- Student contact email