

2026 Grey Bruce Youth Film Festival Rules & Guidelines

Students enrolled in grades 7 through 12 are invited to submit short films of up to a maximum 10 minutes in length to be screened at the Galaxy Cinemas in Owen Sound as part of the Grey Bruce Youth Film Festival. The winning films in all 3 categories (junior, senior and people's choice) will be announced at the screening in June (date TBD).

In addition to the Galaxy screening, selected films will be screened on Rogers TV Grey County Channel 53 in Owen Sound and the surrounding area. All films submitted to the Grey Bruce Youth Film Festival will be considered for screening at the Meaford International Film Festival (MIFF) as the opening film ahead of the feature film.

The deadline for submissions is May 8, 2026.

This event is coordinated by the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library, and is enabled through the participation and sponsorship of Galaxy Cinemas, the United Way of Bruce Grey, Richard Thomas Communications, Rogers TV Grey County, the Meaford International Film Festival (MIFF), Bruce County Public Library, Grey Highlands Public Library, Hanover Public Library, Meaford Public Library, Southgate Public Library and the West Grey Public Library.

Grey Bruce Youth Film Festival Rules and Guidelines:

1. All films must be the creation of the submitting filmmakers. Please disclose the use of generative AI.
2. All films must be submitted on a DVD or USB drive delivered to a participating library **OR** submitted through the Bruce County Public Library's BiblioBoard platform at <https://brucecounty.librariesshare.com/gbyff>
3. All music used within the film must be either the creation of the filmmakers or in the public domain – please contact your library if you are unsure about this.
4. Films may be no longer than 10 minutes in length.
5. Films may be either live action or animated.
6. Films are selected to appear in the Grey Bruce Youth Film Festival at the discretion of the judges and the organizing library. Selected films will be announced prior to the screening in June.
7. The Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library reserves public performance rights and the right to reproduce films submitted to the festival (YouTube, Library website etc.).
8. **All entries must be submitted with a fully completed submission form. For films submitted through BiblioBoard, a completed submission form must be emailed to kmcleish@library.osngupl.ca.**
9. Any submissions that do not comply with the above guidelines will not be accepted.
10. Winners will be announced at the public screening to take place at Galaxy Cinemas in Owen Sound in June 2026 (date TBD).

For more information, contact Youth Services Specialist, Katie McLeish at 519-376-6623 ext. 5218, or kmcleish@library.osngupl.ca.

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2026 Grey Bruce Youth Film Festival Submission Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Name of Film: _____

Run Time: _____

Synopsis: _____

I hereby declare that I have the rights to this submitted film and any music contained therein. If I do not own the rights, I declare that I have the creator's permission to submit this film or use and distribute any music contained therein.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

I allow my contact information to be shared with the Meaford International Film Festival.

Generative AI was used in the creation of this film.