

1. The MyState Student Film Festival (Festival) is a competition which is arranged, conducted and sponsored by MyState Bank Limited (MyState) for the general purpose of encouraging and rewarding students and schools in the artistic discipline of film making.
2. Information is available at the Festival website mystatefilmfestival.com.au or email info@mystatefilmfestival.com.au.
3. The Festival opens on Monday 3rd April 2017 and entries close on Monday 30th October 2017.
4. Films entered in the Festival must be made specifically for the Festival. The films entered must not be screened publically (e.g. on YouTube, in other Film Festivals) prior to release by MyState.
5. There are four (4) categories that films can be entered: Junior (Kindergarten to Year 4), Intermediate (Year 5 – Year 8), High School (Year 9 and Year 10) and Post Year 10 – University (Year 11 & 12, TAFE, University).
6. Students entering the competition as “Student filmmakers” must be either enrolled at an Australian education facility or be residing in Australia studying at an approved education facility at the date the film is submitted into the competition.
7. Students submitting entries in the Post Year 10 - Uni category must be currently enrolled at an approved education facility; (TAFE, University or other tertiary institution) and be residing in Australia. Students in this category must provide permission (via the Festival entry form) for MyState to obtain verification of the student’s enrolment status at the specified Australian educational facility.
8. Members or participants of a recreational or community group are also eligible to enter the Festival via that group so long as the filmmakers are enrolled students at an approved education facility.
9. Students must be responsible for the key film making roles. Students’ films must be written, directed, produced and technically executed by Students. Teacher, parent and other filmmaker assistance is permitted but must be limited to non-creative roles (e.g. planning assistance, technical advice, funding, etc).
10. The Feature Item for the 2017 Festival is “Phone”. This feature item must be visually seen, or verbalised, or referenced in the films. Use of the feature item is mandatory only for Junior, Intermediate and High School category entries. The Feature Item is not mandatory for Post Year 10 – University entrants, however those films not referencing the feature item will not be eligible for the “Best use of Feature Item” Award.
11. The total running time for films entered into the Junior, Intermediate and High School categories is four (4) minutes or less.
12. The total running time for films entered into the High School category is five (5) minutes or less.
13. The total running time for films entered into the Post Year 10 – University category is eight (8) minutes or less.
14. Entries to the Festival must be submitted online via the Festival website by no later than the closing date of **5:00pm Monday 30th October 2017**. Entrants are expected to allow enough time to upload their submission film file by the entries closing time.
15. Valid entries include the submission of the film file and the completed online entry form. Entrants must follow the submission instructions on the entry submission page on the Festival website.
16. Students submitting entries in the Junior, Intermediate and High School categories must submit the films in the name of the School or other Educational/Recreational Group that supported the creation of the film(s).
17. Films entered into the Post Year 10 – University category can enter their films as individuals or through the educational facility at which they attend. The film entry will be publicised in the name provided on the entry form.

18. Entries must be submitted in one of the following file formats, and be a maximum of **300MB** in size:

MOV	AVI	WMV	FLV	MPEGPS
MPEG4	MP4	3GPP	WebM	

19. Each film entry (i.e. file) submitted must be named in the following format:

School name_Teacher/Lead Filmmaker Name_Film Title_Entry Category

Example: GreenfieldsHighSchool_KateBrown_ThePhoneCall_HighSchool

20. Students / Schools may enter as many productions as they wish; however, each entry must be submitted separately via the Festival's online entry submission page.
21. Non-students may be used as actors and for voice-overs as long as they were directed by students.
22. All entries must adhere to the PG Rating (Parental Guidance) as set out in the Guidelines for the Classification of Films (2012) - *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995*. The Guidelines are publicly available at the Australian Classification Board website (www.classification.gov.au).
23. Films that do not comply with the PG Classification Guidelines will not be deemed as valid entries and therefore will not be screened or judged in the 2017 Festival.
24. All necessary permissions, authorities and licences must be obtained for the use of equipment (such as vehicles, machinery, firearms and chemicals) as props during film making. MyState is not responsible for seeking or obtaining proof for such authorities for the purpose of judging, distributing, or presenting films entered into the Festival.
25. In relation to copyright in all visual materials and music, all necessary permissions, authorities, licences, consents, releases and waivers from third parties who own the third party material and intellectual property therein must be obtained by the entrant and submitted with the entry via the online entry submission page. Obtaining these permissions, authorities, licences, consents, releases and waivers is not the responsibility of MyState.
26. MyState will not accept responsibility for consequences arising from films screened without copyright in all visual materials and music, all necessary permissions, authorities, licences, consents, releases and waivers; such consequences will be passed over to the filmmakers and/or School.
27. The Judging Panel and MyState hold the authority to determine the winning films. No dispute will be entered into the Judging Panel and MyState's final decision.
28. The prize for the winning film in the Junior, Intermediate and High School categories will be awarded by presentation of a cheque to the value of \$1000 and a trophy to the School, other recognised Educational facility or Recreational Group in which the student filmmakers attend.
29. The prize for the winning film in the Post Year 10 – University category will be awarded to the lead filmmaker as entered on the online submission entry form. The prize is a cheque to the value of \$1000.
30. The 2017 Festival Award Categories are:
- Junior Category (Kindergarten to Year 4)
 - Intermediate Category (Year 5 to Year 8)
 - High School Category (Year 9 to Year 10)
 - Post Year 10 – University Category
 - Best Use of Feature Item
 - Best Animation
 - Best Screenplay
 - Best Sound Design
 - Best Music Video
 - Best Documentary
 - Technical Achievement
 - Jonathan Dawson Most Promising Filmmaker
 - Outstanding Teacher Support
 - People's Choice Award
 - Premier's Award
 - Best Film

The prizes for the listed Awards will be distributed as follows;

- (a) Should the winner of these awards be entered from the Junior, Intermediate and High School Categories, the award prize will be donated to the School other recognised Educational facility or Recreational Group in which the student filmmakers attend. The prize will not be awarded to the individual(s) involved in making the film in the Award Categories. It is at the school's discretion as to how the prize is distributed. MyState will not hold responsibility for the ongoing distribution of these prizes.
 - (b) If the winning film was entered from the Post Year 10 – Uni category, the prize will be donated to the lead filmmaker as listed in the online entry form. The distribution of the prize will be at the discretion of the lead filmmaker. MyState will not hold responsibility for the ongoing distribution of these prizes. The trophy will be awarded to the student(s) who created the film.
31. MyState's appointed judging panel will determine the category finalists and winning films. Finalist filmmakers will be notified prior to the Festival's Awards Event. Winners will be announced at the Awards Event in December 2017.
 32. Award Winners agree to participate in the publicity for the awards as well as other promotional events if required.
 33. MyState reserves the right to use the entries for any purpose they choose.
 34. Films may be screened to the public in various capacities including on mystate.com.au, YouTube, television, public film screenings and other channels. MyState reserves the right to screen the films without seeking additional permission from entrants.
 35. MyState will not provide payment to any entrant for the public or private screening of films entered into the competition.
 36. MyState does not receive payment from the organisers of public events where competition entries may be screened.
 37. Entry to the Festival is not a guarantee that the material will be screened and MyState reserves the right to choose which films will be screened.
 38. If finalists wish to attend the screenings and/or the Awards Event, all travel costs are at their own expense.
 39. Except for any liability that cannot be excluded by law, MyState is not liable and does not accept responsibility for any loss or damage whatsoever (including but not limited to direct, indirect or consequential loss) or personal injury suffered or sustained by a participant or Award Winner. For clarification, a participant means anyone involved in the making of the film.