



Information and Acknowledgment

Living with Difference Short Film Competition – 2019

Short films by and about young adults living with a chronic illness or defining difference

Mission & Objective:

Difference Diaries (a project of the Children of Difference Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit corporation), is sponsoring the *Living With Difference Short Film Competition* to encourage open dialogue for young adults, their families and friends living with chronic illness or defining difference.

It is our belief that short films, narrative or documentary, provide filmmakers and their subjects the space to explore issues not otherwise freely discussed, give the public an avenue for exploring and understanding the lives and issues of young adults living with difference and open up important lines of thought and communication around the subject of difference in contemporary society.

About the Competition:

In its inaugural year, this competition is an effort to create momentum and interest in an open, creative, and compelling dialogue around issues facing young adults living with chronic illness or defining difference.

This is a juried competition awarding prizes in two categories: Best Film and Best Film By a Young Adult with Difference. Competitive films will express, explore, explain, illustrate, celebrate or otherwise depict what it is like for young adults to live with chronic illness or defining difference.

- I. **Best Film:** Prize awarded to the best film that tells the story of a young adult with difference. Producer/Director may be anyone including a friend, sibling, parent, teacher or other person interested in expressing a compelling depiction of life with difference.
- II. **Best Film by a Young Adult with Difference:** Prize awarded to the best film by and about a young adult living with difference. This film must be substantially produced and directed by a young adult with chronic illness or defining difference who has not attained the age of 25 by September 30, 2019.

The same film may be eligible in both categories and it is at the sole discretion of the committee to categorize your submission. The committee also reserves the right to decline to give the award in a given year.



Submission Requirements:

1. Deadline: **September 30, 2019**
2. Length: More than 3 minutes and fewer than 10 minutes, including credit sequences.
3. "Young Adult" is defined as 25 years or younger by submission date.
4. Format: a DVD that is clearly labeled, (not Blue Ray), NTSC, or downloaded via Vimeo.com
5. Foreign language films must have English subtitles
6. Submissions will not be returned
7. By submitting your work you understand that your film may be promoted, screened publicly, alone or as part of a touring festival and/or displayed on the website www.differencediaries.org
8. Complete application with original signature
9. Read, understood, and sign the information and acknowledgment form.

Award Information:

- Announced: **December 2019**
- Best Film: \$2,500
- Best Film by a Young Adult: \$2,500
- *The same film may be eligible to win both awards. The Jury Committee will make a selection only if there is a film considered to merit the award and is under no obligation to do so.*

Additional Honors:

- Top 5 Selections across categories will be featured on the website www.differencediaries.org
- Selected films may be part of a travelling Film Festival as part of our Curriculum Outreach Program in schools and universities both Nationally and Internationally.

Film Competition Details 2019:

The Living with Difference Short Film Competition 2019 is an international short film competition organized by the Children of Difference Foundation. The competition is open to all independent young filmmakers from around the world.

Each entrant must fill out forms clearly and completely, with original signature. Films that are submitted must be the entrant's original work and shall not infringe on any copyright or any other rights of any third parties. Contestants agree that they have obtained all required permissions regarding music, sound or images presented in your film. Competitors agree that Living with Difference Film Competition will not be held liable for any copyright infringements or other perpetrated by you or your short film. Affidavits of winners under 18 years of age at time of award must be countersigned by parent or legal guardian.

A judging panel consisting of writers, producers, and filmmakers will select winners. All entries are judged equally based on storyline, camera work, and editing. Entrant agrees to be bound by all terms of these official competitions rules and regulations as established herein.



Organizers and Jurors:

Michele Kupfer – Educational consultant/behavioral therapist and co-founder Difference Diaries.

Lisa Hedley – Emmy nominated documentary filmmaker and co-founder Difference Diaries.

Liza Powel O’Brien - A playwright whose work has been presented at Ojai Playwrights Conference, The Lark, and Naked Angels LA.

Aimee Bell - Deputy Editor Vanity Fair Magazine

Andrew Solomon – Author *Far From The Tree*, National Book Award Winner and Pulitzer Prize nominee.

Mackey Alston – Filmmaker and Director of Media Auburn Seminary.

Matthew Chapman - Journalist, screenwriter, author, and film director whose work has been selected to the Tribeca, Sundance and Berlin film Festivals. He is the great-great grandson of Charles Darwin.

Maiken Baird - Independent documentary filmmaker with a varied and lauded body of work, Ms. Baird has worked on projects that have screened at the Toronto International, Tribeca and Sundance Film Festivals.

Rules and Regulations:

By submitting your film, you affirm that this film was made by you, that you are the sole proprietor, and that you have sole rights to the film. You must also have permission from all participants in your film. You agree that your film may be published and broadcast by the DifferenceDiaries.org or Children of Difference Foundation in any way or form it deems appropriate to carry out its mission of education, outreach, and community building.

The following is an explanation of rules and regulations governing the submission of a short film (hereinafter called the “film”) to the Children of Difference Foundation Project called Living With Difference Short Film Competition (hereinafter called “LWD”).

By agreeing to the terms and conditions of the Application, the Description Document, and these rules and Regulations, the person submitting the film (hereinafter called the “Applicant”) acknowledges that he or she has obtained consent from any and all owners, creators, writers, Producers and/or other authorized representatives of the Film whose consent is required to submit the Film to LWD, and has read and understood the submission rules and regulations set forth below:

- I. It is the sole responsibility of the Applicant to secure authorization and permission from right owner(s) of any and all copyrighted or trademarked content or materials included within the Film. LWD expressly disavows any responsibility for, and will not be held responsible for any unauthorized inclusion of any copyrighted or trademarked content or materials within or relating to the Film, including any content or materials that are or may become the basis for third party claims for infringement. In the event that any claim, dispute, action or proceedings shall be brought or asserted by any person, entity that alleges the Film makes unauthorized



or unlawful use of any copyrighted or trademarked content or materials, Applicants shall fully indemnify and defend LWD and the Children of Difference Foundation and each of their representatives and affiliates from any liability in connection therewith and from any fees and expenses including but not limited to attorneys' fees that any of them may incur in connection therewith.

- II. It is the sole responsibility of the Applicant to clear all content of the Film from any and all actual or potential legal claims and issues, including, without limitation, claims based upon theories of libel, defamation, invasion of privacy, violation of rights of publicity, theft of trade secrets, breach of confidence, breach of confidential relationship, and breach of express or implied contract ("Third Party Claim(s)"). LWD expressly disavows any responsibility for, and will not be held responsible for, any unauthorized inclusion of any content or materials within or relating to the submitted Film that are or may be the basis for any Third Party Claims based upon any of the foregoing legal theories or others. In the event that any Third Party Claim(s) shall be asserted by any person or entity, Applicant shall fully indemnify and defend LWD, the competition, and each of their representatives and affiliates from any liability in connection therewith and from any and all fees and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, that each of any of them may incur in connection therewith.

If Your Work is Selected for Use or Awards:

If your work is selected, you must fulfill the following requirements by the date(s) designated by the Festival:

Execute a release agreement wherein you (i) accept responsibility for obtaining any and all clearances necessary for your film to be exhibited by the Children of Difference Foundation (dba Difference Diaries.org); (ii) warrant that you have the rights necessary to exhibit your film publicly in all formats; and (iii) indemnify and hold harmless The children of Difference foundation and its projects, its affiliates, and subsidiaries and any of their respective directors, officers, employees, and representatives against any claim arising out of exhibition or dissemination of your film.

I have read, understood, and agree to the above terms and conditions for the 2019 Living with Difference Short Film Competition:

Your Name: _____

Your Signature: _____

(If entrant is under 18 years old, the signature of a parent or guardian)

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

(If entrant is under 18 years old)