

Growing In Grace Counseling Group

Present

Passaic County Mental Health Film Festival 2018

Deadline for Entries: April 20, 2018

Passaic County Mental Health Film Festival Breakfast: May 5, 2018

Growing In Grace Counseling Group is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization that is humanitarian oriented and designed to enlighten the local community by working together to enable children, adults and families to have access to affordable professional counseling, support groups, and other servicing that enhance mental health awareness and disabilities awareness.



Passaic County Mental Health Film Festival 2018 Application

Overview: The purpose of the Mental Health Film Festival is to address the stigma against mental illness, educate and bring awareness to the community and embrace the global digitalization as a platform. One of the key focus of this film festival is to empower filmmakers that don't have the support of distributors and marketing campaigns behind them to address relative issues such as mental illness. We hope to encourage more young people to become vocal for the mental illness community.

Film Entry Criteria: All entries must be the sole creative and technical effort of the individuals submitting the work. The film must be produced, directed, and edited by High School Students, University Students or Independent Filmmakers only.

Film entries must be no more than 10 minutes in length relating to Mental Health. Film entries must either address the stigma or bring awareness to suicide prevention, depression, anxiety disorder, eating disorder, bipolar disorder, etc. The entries should be targeting urban communities and have urban like setting/background.

The following film categories apply: 1. Short Film; 2. Documentary; 3. Animation Shorts

There will be a first, second and third place for each category. There will be one Grand Prize awarded for the best film of the Festival. Individuals who submit an entry must attend the award dinner and all high school students must attend with a parent or guardian.

Entries will only be accepted from individuals who live in Passaic County, and will not be returned. No films will be judged if they are an employee, doing internship or their immediate family is employed by any Film Network of Film Commission. Please note the members of this committee reserve the right to reject any entries, combine categories, or re-categorize a film entry.

This committee will accept films that adhere to the Motion Picture Association of America Ratings Board/ Rating System for the following ratings: General Audience, Parental Guidance Suggested and PG-13 Parents Strongly Cautioned. Some Material May be Inappropriate for Children under 13. Please note the description below describing the three ratings. Any film containing R-rated material, nudity, graphic violence, or in the exclusive opinion of this committee glamorizes drug, alcohol, cigarette uses, criticize a race or ethnic group, misguides a diagnose or treatment of mental health will not be accepted.

G: GENERAL AUDIENCES – All Ages Admitted. A G-rated motion picture contains nothing in theme, language, nudity, sex, violence or other matters that, in the view of the Film Commissioners, would offend parents whose younger children view the motion picture. Some snippets of language may go beyond polite conversation but they are common everyday

expressions. No stronger words are present in G-rated motion pictures. Depictions of violence are minimal. No nudity, sex scene or drug-use is present in the motion picture. PG: PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED – Some Material May Not Be Suitable for Children. The PG rating indicates, in the view of the Film Commissioners, that parents may consider some material unsuitable for their children. The more mature themes in some PG-rated motion pictures may call for parental guidance. There may be some profanity and some depictions of violence or brief nudity. But these elements are not deemed so intense as to require that parents be strongly cautioned beyond the suggestion of parental guidance. There is no drug use content in a PG-rated motion picture. PG-13 – Parents Strongly Cautioned. Some Material May Be Inappropriate for Children Under 13. A PG-13 motion picture may go beyond the PG rating in theme, violence, nudity, sensuality, language, adult activities or other elements, but does not reach the restricted R category. Any drug use will initially require at least a PG-13 rating. More than brief nudity will require at least a PG-13 rating, but such nudity in a PG-13 rated motion picture generally will not be sexually oriented. There may be depictions of violence in a PG-13 movie, but generally not both realistic and extreme or persistent violence. A motion picture's single use of one of the harsher sexually derived words, though only as an expletive, initially requires at least a PG-13 rating. More than one such expletive requires an R rating, as must even one of those words used in a sexual context. The Film Commissioners may rate a motion picture PG –13 if the context or manner in which the words are used, or because the use of those words in the motion picture, is inconspicuous.

Please Note Recovery Is Possible for Every Individual with Mental Illness.

THERE IS A ONE-TIME \$10 ENTRY FEE FOR THIS FESTIVAL. INDIVIDUALS CAN SUBMIT AN ENTRY FOR NO MORE THAN TWO CATEGORIES.

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ALL ENTRANTS MUST ATTEND THE AWARD DINNER. ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND WITH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT ARE 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER.

METHOD OF EVALUATION:

All entries will be screened and evaluated by the members of the Passaic County Mental Health Film Festival Committee. **The following film categories apply: 1. Short Film; 2. Documentary; 3. Animation Shorts.**

There will be one Grand Prize awarded for the best film of the Festival.

A maximum of 2 films must be received per category in order to be judged within that category. Each film will be evaluated utilizing the following criteria: Scriptwriting (Creativity, Originality, and Structure): 10 points Technical Merit (i.e. sound and lighting quality, photography): 10 points Editing including Special Effects: 10 points Onscreen Performance of Actors: 10 points (Performances will not be judged in Documentaries) Presentation of Information: 10 points (Documentary Films only) Direction: 10 points. Participants can upload their trailer(s) to the Growing in Grace Website for an additional 5 points. **Website: [Growingingracenj.org](http://growingingracenj.org)**

The highest score a film can receive is 50 points. The film with the highest score in each Category and Class will be declared the first place winner. The film with the second highest score in each Category and Class will be declared the second place winner. The film with the third highest score in each Category and Class will be declared the third place winner. The film with the highest overall score will be declared the Grand Prize winner for the best film of the Festival. The highest score for Editing or Best Scriptwriting is 10 points. The films judged for Editing and Best Scriptwriting with the highest average scores for all entries will receive the award.

ENTRY INSTRUCTION

Please forward all entries with completed and signed entry form to include film(s) to:

**T. Addison
PO Box 3093
Paterson, New Jersey 07509**

Passaic County Mental Health Film Festival
ENTRY APPLICATION FORM

Title of Film: _____

Please print only & clearly.

Name of Filmmaker	Email	Phone Number
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

Primary Film Maker Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Proof of Address (one of the copies below must be attached with application (DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL. WILL NOT BE RETURNED))

- Valid Driver's License or Non-Driver State Identification
- High School Identification
- Military Identification Card
- Property Tax Receipt
- Updated Voter Registration Card
- Passaic County Updated College Enrollment Papers

Film CATEGORY (CIRCLE ONE)

Short Film Documentary Film Animation Short Film

High School: Grade _____ **College Grade:** _____

Name of Guidance Counselor/Student Advisor: _____

Independent Filmmaker: _____

Name of Production Company or College: _____

Title of Short Film _____

Please provide your film on a flash drive - one film per flash drive. The Format of the short film must be in the following digital format: MOV or MPEG4 Please check that the Flash Drive works!!! No Flash Drives will be returned to the film maker. Please do not use copy protection on your submissions. Copy protected material cannot be technically processed to screen at the festival.

Date Film Completed: _____ Length of Film: _____ Minutes

Briefly describe the story line of your short film: _____

How did you learn about the Mental Health Film Festival?

INDEMNIFICATION (All filmmakers listed on Page 1 must complete this section. Please make additional copies if necessary.) I /We will indemnify and hold harmless Passaic County, NJ, the City of Paterson, Growing In Grace Counseling, and Passaic County Mental Health Film Festival Committee, its sponsors, and partners individually and collectively, from and against all claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, liabilities, and expenses, including legal expenses arising out of or in connection with any and all claims, or third party claims, based on material submitted to Passaic County Mental Health Film Festival. Passaic County Mental Health Film Festival Committee & Growing In Grace Counseling Group hereby has my permission to use my name, my film, photos, and press materials for pre- or post-festival promotion which may include placement on the Growing In Grace Website link to YouTube, Growing In Grace Facebook page, and local Cablevision or Newspaper. I/We understand that no entries will be returned to the filmmaker. By signing this form, I/we understand and agree to all the terms and conditions of the Growing In Grace Counseling Group.

Signatures and Date:

Filmmaker Signature	Print Name	Date
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Parent or Guardian Signature	Print Name	Date
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(If the filmmaker is under 18 years of age, please provide a signature by a parent or guardian)

If any questions, please contact Sharrieff Bugg (862) 262-8862 or send questions via email to minister7929@aol.com or Jeremiah8897@aol.com.