



ARKANSAS HERITAGE



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Dear Teachers, Librarians and Facilitators:

It is my pleasure to announce the Arkansas Historic Places Student Film Prize for Arkansas students, sponsored by the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program in partnership with Arkansas PBS Network Student Selects: A Young Filmmakers Showcase. This competition honors films made by students in the 5th through 12th grades about any historic site in the state. Films must be between five and fifteen minutes long and must be about a historic property that is fifty years old or older. It is not required that the sites be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, although they may be, but it must be an archeological site, historic building or other site with historic significance. Films should be nonfiction or documentary. I encourage students to refer to the National Register and Preserve Arkansas's "Most Endangered Places" list to find properties in their area to be potential subjects of their films.

Winning films will be showcased in Little Rock at Ron Robinson Theater in May (date yet to be determined) and will be considered for inclusion in the Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival in October of 2021. Films awarded Grand, First, Second, Third and Fourth place honors will receive a cash prize, trophy and participation certificates. Schools that place will receive a travel grant of \$150 to bring students to the Film Showcase event in May.

On the back of this letter is information explaining the rules of the contest and how to submit films.

If you have any questions about the Arkansas Historic Places Student Film Prize, please do not hesitate to contact me. For any questions about Arkansas PBS Student Selects Showcase, please contact Casey Sanders at 501.682.4192 or csanders@myarkansaspbs.org.

I look forward to seeing your students' films!

Sincerely,

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Arkansas Historic Places Student Film Prize Information Sheet

The Arkansas Historic Places (AHP) Student Film Prize sponsored by the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program and in partnership with Arkansas PBS Network honors documentaries made by Arkansas students in the 5th through 12th grades about any historic site in the state.

Eligibility:

Any students currently in grades 5th – 12th who attend any Arkansas school or who are homeschooled in the equivalent grades are eligible to compete.

Competition Rules and Guidelines:

1. Films must be 5 to 15 minutes in length.
2. **Films must be non-fiction.**
3. Formats and genres include, but are not limited to, video, animation, stop-motion and Claymation.
4. We do not accept presentations in other forms, like PowerPoint.
5. **Films must focus on a historic site in the state of Arkansas that is 50 years old or older.**
6. All entries must follow all other rules for the Arkansas PBS Student Selects program.

You can find more information here: <https://www.myarkansaspbs.org/studentselects/about>

Deadlines:

The deadline for the AHP Film Prize is the same as the Student Selects deadline: **April 2021**. Please check the Arkansas PBS website for specific deadline date.

How to Enter:

Go to <https://www.myarkansaspbs.org/studentselects/about> and follow instructions for submitting your films. Fill out the entry form for the Student Selects program and **make sure to check the box indicating your film is also entered into the Arkansas Historic Places Student Film Prize**. For more information or help entering your film, contact Casey Sanders at 501.682.4190 or csanders@myarkansaspbs.org.

Prizes:

Winning films will be shown in Little Rock at Ron Robinson Theater in May 2021. Awards for winning films are cash prize, trophy and participation certificates; awards for honorable mentions are a ribbon and participation certificate; and both winning and honorable mention films will be posted to our YouTube Channel for public viewing. Preserve Arkansas will honor and provide a prize for winning films focusing on any properties currently on the “Most Endangered Places” list. Schools with films being showcased will receive a \$150 travel grant to bring students to May’s Film Showcase event.

For more information contact amy.milliken@arkansas.gov or call 501-324-9786.