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Young Filmmakers Contest to offer instructional workshops

3rd annual competition seeks environmental films from students nationwide

Oak Park, IL — The third “**One Earth ... Our Earth**” **Young Filmmakers Contest** is accepting entries, and will offer, for the first time, instructional workshops for those who want to sharpen their video production skills.

The contest, as always, seeks **solution-oriented films** from students in grades 3 through college. Professional filmmakers and photographers will lead the workshops and cover topics such as script writing, storytelling, casting, lighting, video, audio, copyrights and editing. [Green Community Connections](#) sponsors the contest as part of its [One Earth Film Festival](#).

Contest organizers hope the workshops will help increase the number of entries and draw submissions from aspiring filmmakers who may be reluctant to compete because they’ve never made a video.

“Students will learn the basics of filmmaking with hands-on exploration of the craft,” said **Sue Crothers**, contest committee chair. “We will see even more creativity when we debut the winning entries at next spring’s One Earth Film Festival. We want young people’s ideas on topics like **sustainability** and **climate change** to come forth and shine.”

Students from anywhere in the U.S. can compete in four grade categories: elementary, middle school, high school and college. Winners will receive prizes ranging from \$75 to \$200 along with a matching grant that can be donated to a non-profit organization or community sustainability project.

Entries are due Jan. 18, 2015. Complete contest rules and workshop details are available on the [Young Filmmakers Contest Page](#).

One Earth Film Festival is the Midwest’s Premier Environmental Film Festival.

It aims to create opportunities for understanding climate change, sustainability and the power of human involvement.

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