



ACFF Next Gen Capture Conservation Contest tips and instructions

1. All films must be uploaded to Vimeo at <https://vimeo.com/groups/nextgencapture> no later than December 1, 2024. Entrants may submit up to three separate entries per contest year.
2. All entries must be accompanied by submission information including student name, age, mailing address, email address (if applicable), phone number, and title of film. This information can be emailed to info@conservationfilmfest.org on the day you upload your film.
3. Films cannot exceed four minutes in length, including credits.
4. All films must be produced in 2024 and feature the entrant's relationship with environmental, cultural, and/or historic conservation. The theme is intentionally wide-reaching to allow for diverse creativity, interpretation, and message.
5. All youth submitting films must be age 18 or younger on the day the film is submitted. Actors or interviewees in the film can be any age. If working under the direction of a teacher, mentor, or parent, that person must describe his/her role in detail.
6. Film categories are: Students age 10 & under; students age 11 to 14; students age 15 to 18; and team projects of two or more students (up to 5 persons) age 18 or under.
7. **The film must be accompanied by the tagline** "This film was created for the American Conservation Film Festival – Next Gen Capture Conservation Contest" in the credits.
8. All videos must be the original work of the entrant. Entrants should NOT use music, graphics, or footage that was created by others without obtaining rights (a license) to use it.
9. Winning filmmakers will be asked to sign a release form granting the American Conservation Film Festival the rights to use, display or distribute the film. The American Conservation Film Festival does not limit the original creator's use of the work in any way.
10. Entrants can help promote their film and the contest using the hashtag [#NextGenCaptureConservation](#) on social media sites.

Filmmaking Tips & Short Film Examples for Aspiring Young Filmmakers

- Basic tips on how to make a video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCBcjZCaeEw>
- Filmmaking Tips & Advice for Young Aspiring Filmmakers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEenfn8W-5U>
- Getting Started in Wildlife Filmmaking <https://wildeye.co.uk/getting-started/>

GOOD SHORT FILMS BY STUDENTS:

Check out past submissions to our Next Gen Capture Conservation Video contest on the ACFF Vimeo channel: <https://vimeo.com/groups/nextgencapture>

The Backyard Project - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJzw9HRwNd8>

Scenic Route to Alaska “Younger” - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-2Sfkmp5Wg>

Shaping of the World: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLEt9PZdkpc>

99¢: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IECg3mqchzY>

Other cool short films:

Earth Day: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24_gqIIURMs

Protect the Environment: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GbY8joL66Ak>

How Do I Help the Earth: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zACy6KsVm8k> Kids Having Fun

Ready to Submit?

Here is the link to **join** the Next Gen Capture Conservation Contest group:

<https://vimeo.com/groups/nextgencapture>

You will need to set up your own Vimeo account (it's free!) if you don't already have one and then upload your video to our channel and group using the link above.

Acceptable file formats: Vimeo supports just about any kind of video file, including these common formats: MP4, MOV, WMV, AVI, and FLV. In the rare circumstance that a format is not supported, an Invalid File error is displayed on the video page. All videos uploaded to Vimeo will be converted to square pixels. Regardless of format, all videos will be displayed at the correct aspect ratio. Vimeo does not accept audio files, image files, or other non-video formats, such as: MP3, WAV, WMA, JPG, and PNG. Project files such as imovieproject and dvdproj files are also unsupported, since these are not video files.

To compress or not to compress: While it's technically possible to upload an uncompressed video to Vimeo, in many cases, it isn't a good idea. Uncompressed files consume more weekly quota and take longer to upload; more importantly, they may not result in significant visual improvement over properly compressed videos.

Choosing an upload method There are several ways to upload to Vimeo:

- Using the upload page (<https://vimeo.com/upload>).
- Using a supported hosting service (Dropbox, Google Drive, OneDrive, Box). This option is for those who store their videos in the cloud, or are looking for a bulk uploading option.
- Using a mobile app (iOS, Android, Windows Phone) or third-party software integrations (iOS, iMovie, Windows 10, and more).

For more information - visit the Vimeo help center - <https://help.vimeo.com/hc/en-us>