



2016 Youth Xchange Student Video Competition

Ōlelo (which in Hawaiian means “to speak”) empowers student voice by airing every student entry on cable television and over the internet. Enter Ōlelo Community Media’s 13th annual statewide student Youth Xchange video competition and learn the value and importance of speaking out on issues that concern our youth by using the creative and powerful medium of video.

All Hawai’i state public, private, and home school and college students are welcome to participate in the only statewide student Youth Xchange video competition.

Competition Instructions

1. **MANDATORY:** All entries must focus on an **ISSUE** that affects community, our state, or the world.
2. Each entry can be submitted into no more than one category.
3. Students may only submit entries into one division: Elementary, Middle or High. Middle schools, ranging from 6th – 8th grade, that are collocated on or integrated with either a elementary and/or high school must submit all Middle school student entries into the Middle school division.
4. Same footage cannot be used in multiple entries. Duplication of footage or script in more than one entry may lead to disqualification.
5. Each entry must be uploaded to Ōlelo’s OmniContest website (link and additional information will be provided by January 15, 2016) between January 16, 2016 and 5:00 p.m. HST on Monday, February 29, 2016. All tabs and fields of the online submission form must be completely filled in and double checked for accuracy; i.e. title, category, first and last names of students, etc. Incomplete submissions may lead to disqualification. NOTE: Submit the best possible uncompressed file(s) as videos will air on cable television and compressed for streaming online.
6. Each online entry form signature page must be printed, signed by student(s) and teacher, dated, scanned and saved as a PDF document, and submitted via email to youthxchange@olelo.org by 5:00 p.m. HST on Monday, February 29, 2016. The following naming convention shall be used for each PDF document: Entry Number – Entry Name – School Name – Teacher’s First and Last names.
7. Failure to submit online entry form signature page, as described above, will result in disqualification.
8. Entries should fade up/start in black and fade out/end in black (no more than one solid frame of black before and after).
9. The video must have been shot and edited between March 1, 2015 and January 31, 2016. The video must have been written, produced, shot, and edited by students; noting that adult or faculty input must be purely advisory. Up to five (5) students may be recognized on the entry form. If selected as a finalist, up to five (5) students, as listed on entry form, will be invited to the awards banquet. Due to limited funding, space permitting, additional tickets may be purchased at cost for additional students.
10. Submissions produced by students from any school (public, private, home, and college) in Hawai’i between these dates are eligible for this contest regardless of entry in other competitions.
11. Home school students must obtain a faculty signature from their affiliated Hawai’i State Department of Education school. Prizes won by home school students will be given to the home school organization.

- 12 . College students are eligible to enter the Experts Category if they are enrolled at a higher education institution in Hawai'i. Prizes won by college students will be given to the college's video/film program.
- 13 . Categories with five or less entries will not compete, unless otherwise approved by category sponsor or program director. Submissions will be placed in a similar category.
- 14 . Any student that has won twice in past Youth Xchange contests, or who have received extensive or advanced video or animation instruction or assistance (eg. Hiki No!, Student Television Network, etc.), is enrolled in an advanced video or animation class, or has been paid for related work, is eligible to enter only in the Jr. Experts and Experts Categories, respectively.
- 15 . Entrants in the Jr. Experts or Experts Category are not eligible to enter in other categories.
- 16 . Teachers and/or adult advisors are responsible for obtaining copyright clearance for all materials used in the video entry. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

Reminder: Entries must be **uploaded and completed online entry signature page(s) submitted via email by 5:00 p.m. HST on Monday, February 29, 2016.**

Broad categories of competition are:

Animation: Digital, computer art, or animated presentation of an issue. (5 minute maximum)

Mini Documentary: In-depth program of an event, issue, place, individual or group. (10 minute maximum)

News: News coverage of an issue. Submission of a news segment or report is encouraged. (2 minute maximum)

Public Service Announcement (PSA): A commercial length, informative but concise video about an issue. (30 second maximum, production credit or acknowledgement graphics do not count as part of the 30 second maximum)

Short: A creative look at an issue using comedy, drama, music or a cultural setting. (5 minute maximum)

Junior Expert: This category allows **students K through Middle school** with extensive video production skills to compete in a category that recognizes technical expertise using video. Youth Xchange winners who have won two or more times, students who have worked (for hire) professionally creating video, and/or students participating in or receiving help from other students in an advance video or digital media program must enter this category. (10 minute maximum)

Expert: This category allows **high school and college students** with extensive video production skills to compete in a category that recognizes technical expertise using video. Youth Xchange winners who have won two or more times, students who have worked (for hire) professionally creating video, and/or students participating in or receiving help from other students in an advance video or digital media program must enter this category. (10 minute maximum)

Speak out on issues that affect you and
share your concerns with your community and the world.