

Wild About Houston Green Film Festival

2021 Submission Guidelines; Updated 8/18/2021

In 2015, the Citizens' Environmental Coalition brought the Wild & Scenic Film Festival On Tour to Houston for the first time, selling out the first showing and sharing the festival with an audience of thousands in following years. Despite the enthusiastic reception, CEC quickly realized that while the WSFF was inspiring and meaningful, it did not showcase local environmental stories, issues, and heroes.

So CEC decided to create its own local, green film festival.

The CEC is proud to virtually host the fourth annual Wild About Houston Green Film Festival in the fall of 2021.

CEC would like to use this festival to tell local environmental stories, highlight the work of CEC's member organizations, and to inspire our residents and visitors to make a difference in the environment and our quality of life. To that end, CEC will host a one-night screening of local environmental films later this fall.

Two of the films shown at October's Wild About Houston Green Film Festival will be selected to be shown at the WSFF in January 2022. More importantly, CEC hopes to expose a broader audience to local environmental stories and to honor the top films.

We invite you to submit a film for consideration to the Wild About Houston Green Film Festival. Films should be specific to the environment in the Houston/Gulf Coast Region, should be no more than seven minutes long, and must be of suitable quality to be projected onto the big screen.

You can view local films and some of the films that were shown at past film screenings, including films by the Houston Zoo and Katy Prairie Conservancy, on [CEC's YouTube channel](#).

CEC will show environmental and educational films that illustrate the earth's beauty, the challenges facing our planet, and the work communities are doing to protect the environment—with a focus on environmental stories with a direct tie-in to the Houston/Gulf Coast region. Through these films, CEC hopes to inform people about the state of the Houston/Gulf Coast region and world, and inspire them to take action.

Awards & Prizes

If your film is invited to be a part of the 2022 festival, you will be treated like the VIP that you are! You will receive a variety of perks which include:

- festival passes
- A screening of your film on the big screen
- Marketing of your film in the CEC YouTube page, other social media, the CEC website, and in the CEC's weekly email newsletter, which is sent to almost 5000 people

- opportunities to meet with press
- free entry into other CEC events
- the potential opportunity to be chosen to be part of the January 2022 screening of the Wild & Scenic Film Festival On Tour
- The possibility of prizes (tbd)

Rules & Terms

****We are looking for films with an environmental message specific to the Houston/Gulf Coast region.**** If you are neither a locally-based filmmaker nor submitting a film featuring the Houston region, please do not submit a film.

Films should be no more than seven minutes and must be suitable for the big screen.

CEC accepts all films with an environmental theme including documentaries, animation, shorts, features, and narratives. We look for environmental films that are entertaining, educational, and above all inspirational. We want our audiences to be inspired to make a difference in our communities and world. Possible topics might include climate change, biodiversity, water or air quality, recycling, teaching youth, and much more.

The board of the CEC will, at their sole discretion, select the films to be shown at the Wild About Houston Film Festival, and will select the two films to be shown at the CEC screening of the Wild & Scenic Film Festival on Tour in January 2022. Response by the audience at the Wild About Houston Film Festival will be considered when selecting the films for inclusion in the WSFF. By screening the films, the intent of the CEC is to provide broader exposure to inspiring, local environmental stories told through film.

By entering a film for consideration, the submitter understands that they agree to the following:

- They own or control the film's copyright and are duly authorized to submit the film to the Wild About Houston Green Film Festival
- If chosen, the submitter grants CEC non-exclusive screening permission for unlimited showings in October and November, 2021, and in January 2022.
- CEC reserves the right to copy and use any publicity materials (photographs, film stills, trailers, and film segments up to 3 minutes) for non-commercial promotional purposes and for archival material, at no additional cost. While the utmost care is taken to safely handle every submission, CEC is not responsible for the loss or damage of film media during the Festival - This includes media sent to and from the CEC office.
- The film contains no material which could result in tort claims, royalty claims, claims for breach of contract, or claims of any sort whatsoever.
- CEC and its partners are harmless from any claims connected with the film. The submitter will bear the cost of all legal fees incurred as a result of the defense of such a claim.