



**SLO Film Fest's 2018 Filmmakers of Tomorrow Showcase  
New "The Wild World We Love" Award  
*Sponsored by Pacific Wildlife Care***

**Pacific Wildlife Care is proud to sponsor a new award in the 2018 Filmmakers of Tomorrow Film Competition. Youth filmmakers 18 years of age and younger are invited to submit films for possible screening at the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival, March 13-18, 2018.**

A panel of jurists will choose films submitted by youth filmmakers worldwide for the Filmmakers of Tomorrow Showcase competition and cash awards will be given in a variety of categories, including "The Wild World We Love" category. The winner will be included in the Filmmakers of Tomorrow Showcase screening, and the top film or films will be screened with a wildlife feature film sponsored by Pacific Wildlife Care in a separate screening. Awards will be presented on the closing night of the SLO Film Fest.

Given the sponsor, and the subject matter, great care must be taken during filming to avoid disturbing plants and wildlife and to respect the wild world we all love. Films may be live action or animated and must be 10 minutes or less.

The following are some suggested topics/themes:

- How can wildlife be protected from conflicts with humans and/or from human created situations which are hazardous to wildlife?
- What is the value of wild animals?
- How can we help wild animals? How could we change our actions to help wildlife thrive?
- What are the differences between pets and wild animals living around us?
- How could changing how we garden encourage more birds, butterflies, and bees in our area?
- How has social media changed the ability to educate and mobilize support for wildlife?

Films submitted for the Pacific Wildlife Care category are open to any school student (elementary through high school) regardless of country of residence, and student group submissions are also welcomed. Award winners will be chosen with no differentiation for grade/age of filmmaker.

Rules and forms for submission will be available on the SLO Film Fest website: <https://slofilmfest.org/student-contest-rules/> beginning in early July 2017. All entries must be received by January 6, 2018, and will be notified by February 10, 2018 if accepted for showing. All films must have been completed after January 1, 2017. Questions? Contact [info@slofilmfest.org](mailto:info@slofilmfest.org).