



Beneath the Waves Youth Making Ripples 2015 Call for Submissions

Our Mission:

Beneath the Waves™, Inc. is a non-profit organization that is run by early-career scientists dedicated to raising public awareness about marine conservation using film as a media platform. In 2013-2014 we launched the Youth Making Ripples program which is an opportunity for K–12 students to serve as a voice for our oceans. **The aim of the Youth Making Ripples film festival and competition is to challenge K–12 students to create engaging marine science documentaries that share ocean conservation messages.** We encourage educators and students to incorporate film into their curriculum by adopting a hands-on approach to marine science education using 21st century technology. **Students can submit short films (< 5mins) on any marine science topic of their choice.** Films that are selected as finalists will premiere at the flagship Youth Making Ripples Film Festival at the beginning of each year and have the opportunity to debut in other Youth Making Ripples Film Festivals throughout the year across the nation.

How do you submit?

All submissions should include and adhere to the checklist and rules below:

- It is **FREE** to enter a film to the Youth Making Ripples Festival.
- Films must be on a marine related topic and less than 5 minutes in length.
- Films must be postmarked/submitted by **December 5th 2015**.
- All entries must include the students name, email, school of attendance, and teacher's name and email.
- All entries must include the Beneath the Waves film release form and be signed by a parent or legal guardian if under the age of 18.
 - <http://www.beneaththewavesfilmfest.org/submit-a-film/>
- All entries must **adhere to copyright laws**. Use of open access materials is permitted.
- Submit films to youthmakingripples@gmail.com or by sending a flash drive with the movie file to:
Philip Gravinese and Dr. Lauren Toth
Department of Biology
Florida Institute of Technology
150 West University Blvd.
Melbourne, FL 32901

What do you win?

Finalists will debut to the public in January (date TBA) at Florida Institute of Technology's main campus and also be eligible to be part of our traveling festival throughout the nation. Winners will be selected by both: 1) a panel of scientific judges and by 2) viewer choice votes during the premiere. A winner will be selected in both the elementary/middle school and high school categories. The Best Scientific Message winners receive a Youth Making Ripples Scholarship and are eligible to participate in a hands-on scientific outreach expedition with marine scientists and professional film makers aboard a yacht via our collaboration with the International Seakeepers Society, Global Oceans and Schoolyard films. The viewer choice winners receive cash awards. Please direct your questions to us at youthmakingripples@gmail.com