



heartlandfilm

# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## **About**

Connecting students across Indianapolis and central Indiana to independent film is a priority for Heartland Film, as film offers us a unique lens to connect with each other. Through programming and exhibiting films that inspire conversation, ignite imagination and shift perspectives, we are dedicated to sharing storytelling with youth and young adults from elementary school through university level.

## **Classroom Presentations**

Our classroom presentations are flexible and customizable for timing and topic. We've worked within the school curriculum, presented at career days, and brought Indiana filmmakers into the classroom.

## **Field Trips**

Our field trips are hosted primarily during the 11-day Heartland International Film Festival (HIFF) in October but available year-round. Educators work with our team to decide on an appropriate film, and if possible, bring students together with filmmakers for a Q+A. Field trip pricing is variable depending on the school location and demographics.

## **Curriculum**

We are launching a new curriculum program focused on past festival films – bringing back incredible films and highlighting their unique stories. This resource is currently free for teachers to access and flexible from one day to full week learning sessions.

## **High School Film Competition**

The High School Film Competition is a program within the Academy Award-Qualifying Indy Shorts Film Festival in July. It was created to encourage tomorrow's filmmakers to follow their passion and create short films that push their talents, creativity and art to the next level. Submissions are free, the film program during the festival is free, and cash prizes are available. More information is available at [heartlandfilm.org/hsfc](http://heartlandfilm.org/hsfc)

Please contact Abi Lindstedt, Community Outreach & Education Manager, at [alindstedt@heartlandfilm.org](mailto:alindstedt@heartlandfilm.org) for questions and more information.