



[Why submit to the Youth Making Ripples Competition?](#)

Opportunities for Youth Making Ripples Finalists:

Since we started the Youth Making Ripples competition in 2014, we have received 100's of films from student-filmmakers around the country and around the world. Each year, we select 15–20 top films to be screened at the Youth Making Ripples premiere event in January and up to 30 films to be included in the Youth Making Ripples database. The top finalists are judged for scientific accuracy by our scientific review panel. Each year, we award \$200 cash awards to the winners for the best scientific message for both the elementary-middle school, and high school categories. We also award a \$150 cash prize to the viewer choice winners (chosen by audience votes at the premiere event).

In addition to cash prizes, we also established a partnership with the Marine Litter in Europe Seas – Social Awareness and Co-Responsibility (MARLISCO) project. The MARLISCO group is dedicated to stopping marine litter and also has a youth film festival that premieres throughout the European Union. The Youth Making Ripples finalists will have the opportunity to debut before international audiences at select MARLISCO film festivals. We also have an on-going collaboration with the **International Seakeepers Society** DISCOVERY Yachts Program which partners scientists with yacht owners to accomplish scientific expeditions and educational outreach initiatives. Each year, the teacher and creators of Our *Best Scientific Message* film are awarded a scientific expedition with scientists and professional film makers (travel expenses are not included but lunch is!). Finally, the finalist's will be stored in our on-line database for use in classrooms across the country in select Youth Making Ripples satellite festivals. If you have additional questions please email us at youthmakingripples@gmail.com.

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For Educators:

Film can be a powerful hands-on strategy to help students highlight their science research projects, retain content knowledge and even increase learning gains. Incorporate Ocean Literacy standards into your lessons, and challenge your students to link their films to **Ocean Literacy Principles**. Our partners at **Schoolyard films** produce films specifically for use in K-12 classrooms. Each Schoolyard film lesson comes complete with study guides that correspond to state and national science standards, and it's all for FREE!

The films that are selected as finalists are stored in our database and available for educator use. Additionally, our Youth Making Ripples program is always looking for new venues to bring our traveling satellite festival throughout the year. Hosting a Youth Making Ripples Film Festival at your school or in your community is free, however, we encourage your organization to provide an in-kind donation. To find out more details about getting access to our database or hosting your own Youth Making Ripples Film Festival please email us at youthmakingripples@gmail.com

Finally, be sure to check out our **Filmmaker Resources** on tips and tricks to get your students started. We also have our judging criteria available for download.

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