2018 Holle Award for Excellence in Filmmaking

$10,000 awarded to Director of selected film

Deadline for Submission: January 31, 2018

The Holle Award for Excellence in Filmmaking is awarded to the director of the best short film, narrative or documentary, made by a current undergraduate or graduate student that is currently enrolled at a college or university in the United States.

Top five films selected by the Holle Award judges will automatically be programmed in the 2018 Black Warrior Film Festival on March 2-3, 2018 at The University of Alabama. For more information, visit: http://www.blackwarriorfilmfest.com/

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- The film must be 30 minutes or less; narrative and documentary films are considered
- The director of the film must be a current undergraduate or graduate student
- Narrative films must be based on an original screenplay - no adaptations of books, short stories or other copyrighted material is permitted for consideration of this award
- The filmmaker must have release forms for all talent and subjects that appear on screen
- The filmmaker must hold rights or have permission for all material used in the film such as music rights, logos and branding, and any copyrighted material that appear on screen

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

- The film demonstrates a unique vision and style of the director
- The film shows an originality in concept and creative approaches to storytelling
- The film displays technical skill and interesting aesthetic qualities

JUDGING PROCESS:

- FIRST ROUND CONSIDERATION: Each film will be screened at least twice by a panel of faculty judges, film festival programmers and industry professionals
- FINAL JUDGING PANEL will include two representatives of the C&IS Board of Visitors as well as a film, television or media industry professional