

Welcome to the **2026 Underage Drinking Prevention Micro-Short Contest!** Below are the official rules that all participants must follow. By entering the Contest, you agree to these rules.

1. Eligibility

- The Contest is open to individuals and teams (**Entrant**).
- If entering as a team, each team must designate an **Entrant Representative (ER)** to handle all communications with the Contest.
- The Entrant must be a high school student (or equivalent) in or around El Paso, TX.
- Participants under 18 must have parental or guardian consent, and the ER must confirm this during submission.

2. Submission Requirements

- **Deadline:** All submissions must be uploaded via joinepd.com by **11:59 PM MST on April 1, 2026**. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- **Entry Duration:** Entries must be no longer than **120 seconds**, with an additional **10 seconds** allowed for end credits. Opening titles and graphics count toward the 120-second limit.
- **Technical Requirements:** Films must be:
 - Formatted **16:9 horizontal (landscape)**.
 - Submitted in a digital file format compatible requirement.
- **Original Work:** All Entries must be original creations of the Entrant and must have been completed after January 1, 2025.
- **Copyright Compliance:** You must obtain permission for all copyrighted materials (e.g., music, footage, images) or ensure they are in the public domain.
- **Prohibited Content:** Entries must not include obscene, defamatory, illegal, criminal or otherwise inappropriate content. The Contest authority reserves the right to disqualify any Entry at its sole discretion.

3. Rights Granted by Entrants

- By entering this contest, Entrant grants the contest a **non-exclusive, gratis, royalty-free license** to:

- Reproduce, display , and distribute the Entry for any Contest-related purposes.
- Share your Entry **in all media formats, worldwide, in perpetuity** for promotional, educational, and any other Contest related uses.
- Submit your Entry to other film festivals or distribute it on additional platforms as determined by the Contest.
- **Moral Rights Waiver:** By entering, you waive any “moral rights” (e.g., the right to object to edits or changes) in connection with the Entry.

4. **Representations and Warranties**

- By submitting this Entry, you confirm:
 - The content is your original work and/or does not infringe on any third-party rights.
 - You have secured all necessary permissions for music, talent, locations, and other elements in your film.
 - You have the authority to grant the Contest all rights defined in these rules.
- You agree to indemnify and hold the Contest Authority harmless from any claims, damages, or liabilities arising from the display of your Entry.

5. **Judging and Awards**

- Entries will be judged based on:
 - **Creative merit** (concept, story, performances, etc.).
 - **Technical execution** (picture quality, sound quality, editing skill, and overall production values).
 - **Adherence to the theme** (how well your film reflects the Contest theme).
- Prizes, which may include cash awards, equipment, and mentorships, will be announced on the Contest’s website.
- The Contest Authority’s decisions regarding judging and awards are final and binding.

6. **Limitation of Liability**

- The Contest I is not responsible for technical malfunctions, delays, or submission errors.
- Entrants waive the right to seek injunctive relief or any equitable remedies in connection with their Entry or the Contest.

7. **Acknowledgment and Agreement**

- By submitting an Entry, you acknowledge:
 - Your submission is made voluntarily and not in confidence.
 - The Contest Authority is not obligated to screen or exhibit your Entry.
 - You understand and agree to all terms described in these Rules & Regulations.

8. **Key Dates**

- **Submission Deadline:** April 1, 2026, at 11:59 PM PST.
- **Finalist Notifications:** April 13, 2026.
- **Award Ceremony:** expected ceremony to be held between April 27th- May1
- **Contact Information**

For questions or technical issues, please contact the El Paso Police Department Central Regional Command PAR office at **PDCRCCPAR@elpasotexas.gov** or **915-212-0727**.