



**Youth
4 German
Cinema**

Youth 4 German Cinema Award Competition and Jury

Attention young film buffs! Are you interested in film? Are you enrolled in a high school in the Greater Bay Area, have taken a German class or have a special interest in German-language films? In cooperation with the Goethe-Institut, the Berlin & Beyond Film Festival is seeking high school students from the Bay Area ages 13-19 for its first-ever jury for the **Youth 4 German Cinema Award** competition. This program offers local high school students the unique opportunity to participate directly in an internationally-recognized film festival, as well as aid in the festival's commitment to community outreach and education.

The official student jury will be made up of a selected group of high school students from the Greater Bay Area. Accepted applicants will screen a selection of four German-language feature films (with English subtitles). After mentored discussions with various film experts, they will deliberate and select the two winning films. At the film festival they will present the Youth 4 German Cinema Award and lead the Q&A for the winning film and the runner-up. Students will have exclusive access to the inner workings of the festival, be featured in the official program, receive tickets to the opening night and have the opportunity to meet with various filmmakers, actors and industry professionals.

Participation in this program will not only make a great addition on the student's resumes and college applications, but it will allow students to learn the fundamentals of film analysis and how to network and make connections for future endeavors.

Participation Timeframe (subject to change)

- Jury Screenings #1 & #2: Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013, 3:00pm-8:00pm. Includes a reception.
- Jury Screening #3: Thursday, Nov. 7, 2013, 6:00pm-8:30pm
- Jury Screening #4: Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013, 6:00pm-8:30pm.
- Opening Night of the 18th Berlin & Beyond Film Festival: Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014, 6:00pm (red carpet), 6:30pm (opening film), 9:00pm (opening party).
- Youth 4 German Cinema Award Reception: Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014 at 12:00pm.
- Screening of Winning Film: Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014 at 1:30pm.
- Screening of Runner-up Film: Friday, Jan. 17, 2014 at 11:30am.

Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be 13-19 years old.
- Be currently enrolled at a high school.
- Have taken or be currently enrolled in a German class or school.
- Be available for at least three screenings of the competition films, held at the Goethe-Institut prior to the festival and attend the two special screenings of the award-winning films at the festival. See the Timeframe below.
- Have reliable transportation as this is not provided.
- Submit completed application and materials by October 25, 2013.

Jury Benefits

Accepted applicants will have the opportunity to:

- View a variety of noteworthy international films selected for the upcoming film festival.
- Meet and interact with acclaimed filmmakers, actors, film professionals and other film lovers.
- Attend the festival's Opening Night Gala, special screenings and more.
- Participate in a program that will stand out on college applications and resumés.
- Network and make connections to aid future endeavors.

Application Procedure and Acceptance Notice

- Complete application and return it via post or email with the other required materials. These documents must be received at the festival's office by Friday, October 25, 2013 at 5:00pm. This is not a postmarked deadline. Submission instructions on page 4.
- Accepted applicants will be notified by e-mail and/or phone by Wednesday, October 30, 2013.



Application - Part One

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Emergency Information:

Contact Name: _____

Relation: _____

Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____

Parent/Guardian Consent

Please note that applications will not be accepted without express written consent of the applicant's Parent/Guardian. While juries are shown age appropriate films, the festival must inform parents/guardians that some films may contain mature subject matter. Titles and descriptions will be divulged when available and any reservations based on content of films may be discussed with the festival administration at any time. Also, please note that food and transportation to/from any screening and/or festival-related event will not be provided. If chosen, the student must provide his/her own transportation to all events.

As parent/guardian of (print name) _____ I am aware of his/her application for the Youth 4 German Cinema Jury of the Berlin & Beyond Film Festival, and consent to his/her involvement, if selected.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Application - Part Two

For the final section of the application, you must complete both Parts A and B listed below. Part C is optional.

Please answer Parts A and B on a separate sheet of paper and attach it.

A. List and Describe

- Please list your three favorite films and give a brief description explaining your choices. (A few sentences per film will suffice. No longer than 300 words total.)

B. Short Answer

- Why should you be selected for the **Youth 4 German Cinema Jury**? Your answer should address your interests in German film and/or culture, and any details you would like to share. (No longer than 200 words.)

C. Letter of Recommendation (Optional)

- You also have the option of sending us a letter from an instructor recommending you for this program.

Submission

Applicants may submit their completed application:

- via email to julia.koch@sanfrancisco.goethe.org

- via post to:

Youth 4 German Cinema
c/o Goethe-Institut
Attn: Julia Koch
530 Bush Street, Suite 204
San Francisco, CA 94108

For more information on the 18th Berlin & Beyond Film Festival (January 15-21, 2014, taking place mainly at the Castro Theatre), visit berlinbeyond.com.