

PLURAL + FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions about the *PLURAL +video festival*

1. ENTERING THE *PLURAL +VIDEO FESTIVAL*

What is the goal of the *PLURAL +Video Festival*?

The *PLURAL +Video Festival* is an empowering tool for young people to speak out about what they think of migration and diversity, using their own views and voices. The *PLURAL +Video Festival* gives youth a platform to say what they think and to make themselves heard by people from all over the world.

Who is an entrant?

The entrant is the person responsible for submitting the video to the *PLURAL +Video Festival*. The entrant should be a person actively involved in the making of the video.

Who can enter the Video Festival?

The *PLURAL +Video Festival* is for youth. Anyone can enter the Video Festival as long as they are between the ages of 9-25.

What is the entry deadline?

All entries must be received by Midnight on Wednesday, September 30, 2009. Any videos received after this time will not be considered by the *PLURAL +Video Festival* organizers.

What should my video be about?

Your video should be about migration and diversity – two things that are very important in our globalizing world. The *PLURAL +Video Festival* wants you to tell us what you think about things like migrant integration, inclusiveness, identity, diversity, human rights and social unity.

Is there a specific way that my video should look?

No! *PLURAL +* encourages creativity in submissions for the Video Festival. Your video can be done in any style or genre – animation, documentary, drama, music video, comedy etc. - whatever you decide best represents what you think about migration and diversity. Just be sure that your video is sent on a DVD and has subtitles if it needs them.

How long should the video be?

Videos must be between 1 and 5 minutes long, including title and end credits. Any submissions falling outside of this time restraint will not be considered.

What should the video's format be?

Videos must be submitted on DVD format. Any other format (e.g. MiniDV, VHS) will not be considered.

What language should my video be in?

Your video for *PLURAL +* can be submitted in English only.

2. SUBMITTING A VIDEO TO THE *PLURAL+ VIDEO FESTIVAL*

What languages can I use to correspond with *PLURAL+*?

The official language of the *PLURAL +Video Festival* is English;

What should I include in my entrance package?

You must include the following:

- a) A complete and signed entry form
- b) Your DVD

Where do I send my video?

Send your entry form and your video on DVD to:

PLURAL + Video Festival

c/o UN Alliance of Civilizations
866 United Nations Plaza – suite 300
New York, NY 10017
USA

If I send in a video to the festival, is the video still mine?

Yes! When you send **PLURAL +** your video you are agreeing to let **PLURAL +** show and distribute the video for the purpose of amplifying youth voices in the media around the subjects of migration and diversity, but the video is still yours. This means that even if you submit your video to the **PLURAL +** Video Festival, you can still submit it to other video festivals, competitions etc.

3. THE SELECTION PROCESS OF THE PLURAL+ VIDEO FESTIVAL

How are the videos judged for the PLURAL +Video Festival?

Judging for the **PLURAL +**Jury Award will be performed by an international jury, whose names and biographies are available on the website.

There will be 3 age-based categories for judging: 9-12, 13-17, and 18-25.

Will there be just one winner or will there be runners-up too?

There are a variety of prizes awarded through the **PLURAL +**Video Festival. The **PLURAL +**JURY will be award prizes to the top place video per age category (3 prizes in all). In addition, other collaborative partner agencies and organizations of **PLURAL +**will be awarding additional prizes.

What are the prizes?

The main goal of the **PLURAL +**Video Festival is to give exposure and recognition to winning young filmmakers. If you win an award at **PLURAL +**, your work will be compiled onto a DVD that will contain all the eligible videos. In addition, the **PLURAL +**Video Festival will show your video on the internet, broadcasts, and so forth. This way, your message goes global!

Each of the 3 winners of **PLURAL +** JURY AWARD will receive a USA \$1,000 cash award. Other awards and prizes might include equipment and professional opportunities.

When will the winners be announced?

The winners of the **PLURAL +** Video Festival will be notified by December 1, 2009 at the very latest. The winners will be publicly announced on December 18, 2009 at a ceremony celebrating International Migrants Day.

Will I hear from PLURAL +if I am not successful?

Yes, we will contact all entrants via email to let them know the decision of the Jury. Additionally, all entrants who comply with the **PLURAL +**Rules and Regulations will receive certificates of participation in the **PLURAL +**Video Festival and a DVD of all the eligible videos.

I am related to one of the jurors, can I still enter PLURAL+ Video Festival?

No, immediate family members of jurors are not eligible to enter the **PLURAL +** Video Festival. For the purposes of the **PLURAL +**Video Festival, immediate family members are siblings, children, and grandchildren of the jury members.

What is the video going to be used for?

PLURAL + believes that the views and opinions of youth about the topic of migration must be noticed by the global community. The Video Festival aims to make this happen through the possibility of wide multi-platform distribution of the videos, including broadcast, satellite, internet, film festivals and DVD. **PLURAL +** gives youth a global voice to communicate through the media with policy-makers and society as a whole about the important topics of migration and diversity.

4. SUPPORTING THE PLURAL + VIDEO FESTIVAL

I work for an organization that is interested in collaborating or supporting PLURAL+, is there some way for my organization to be involved?

Yes! **PLURAL +** is involved with a diverse group of organizations from around the world and we welcome the collaboration and support of new organizations. Please contact us at plural@unaoc.org if your organization would like to be involved in this exciting event.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact **PLURAL +** at: plural@unaoc.org