For Youth 11-18 Only!
EBERTFEST SHORT FILM COMPETITION

Film Topic:
As part of the Healing Illinois initiative, young filmmakers took on racial healing in their contributions to the "No Malice" Film Contest. These short films, from all over Illinois, were judged on their ability to address the topic through an engaging, informative, inspiring, and creative approach and will be shown at Ebertfest between September 8-11th.

The Opportunity:
The festival has THREE open spots for similar submissions by Champaign County residents aged 11-18. Young filmmakers are encouraged to complete similar short films over the coming weeks and submit them for possible inclusion in Ebertfest! The winning entries will be shown alongside "No Malice" winners, in front of an audience of filmmakers and film lovers from all over the world. Winners will receive a red-carpet experience, hopefully inspiring them for years to come.

Film Length:
Young filmmakers may submit a live action film of no shorter than 3 minutes and no longer than 5 minutes. Animated films of all types, at a minimum length of 45 seconds, may also be submitted.

Director's Statement:
Entrants must submit a Director's Statement of no more than 500 words explaining the vision and intent of their film. While we expect each film will speak for itself, these statements are intended to help create marketing materials and supplemental curriculum used during and following Ebertfest.

Deadline:
Submissions are due no later than **August 20th**. For consideration, email Festival Coordinator Andy Hall at **amhall2@illinois.edu**. Online workshops were designed to help entrants create in the short format needed for Ebertfest: https://presidentlincoln.illinois.gov/learn/junior-historians/no-malice/.

*Screening of the "No Malice" films and additional local winning entries is sponsored by the Alliance for Inclusion and Respect. For general information about this competition and other AIR projects, contact **shandra@ccmhb.org** or find us at facebook.com/allianceforAIR.*