



## Academy's Documentary Feature Films Qualifying Festival List Application Requirements and Guidelines

Monday, July 15, 2024      Applications and Payments Open  
Friday, August 16, 2024      Applications Close and Payments Due by 5:00pm Pacific Time

**Please note – meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee approval on the qualifying list. It only ensures that the festival's application will be accepted for review upon payment. The application process will open every three years.**

### **Application fee: \$250 (USD)**

One payment due per festival.

### REQUIREMENTS:

*Festivals must meet the requirements to be eligible to apply.*

- Festivals must be currently active and have completed at least 7 recent editions.
- Festivals must be based and operated outside the United States.
- Festivals that only screen student films are not eligible.
- Must screen films in competition in a standard theatrical setting.
- Must have at least one established juried documentary feature film award that is awarded every festival edition. Fiction films, short film competitions (under 40 minutes) and audience awards are not eligible.

If your festival meets the requirements and would like to apply, please contact [qualifyingfestivals@oscars.org](mailto:qualifyingfestivals@oscars.org).

### GUIDELINES:

*Guidelines are not required for entry but are highly encouraged for consideration*

- Festivals must regularly present, support and promote documentary film screenings and other events involving documentaries.
- Must have a large number of submissions and a rigorous selection process.
- To be eligible for Oscar consideration in the Documentary Feature Film category, winning films must exceed 40 minutes in runtime.
- Awards under consideration for qualifying status should be the top prize awarded to only one film. Runner ups and honorable mentions will not be considered.
- Competing films should be diverse and inclusive of filmmakers and subject matter.
- Documentary feature film juries should be comprised of filmmakers and/or film industry professionals.



Festival applications will be reviewed by the Documentary Film Festival Selection Committee and the category's Branch Executive Committee. If approved, the committees will determine which award(s) will be accepted as qualifying awards for the Documentary Feature Film category.