



Academy's Short 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 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 short film award that is awarded every festival edition. Feature film award competitions (over 40 minutes) and audience awards are not eligible for consideration.

If your festival meets the requirements and would like to apply, please contact qualifyingfestivals@oscars.org.

GUIDELINES:

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

- Festivals must present, support and promote short film screenings and other events involving short films at each edition.
- Must have a large number of submissions and a rigorous selection process.
- Most short films in competition should be no more than two years old by the time of the festival. To be eligible for Oscar consideration in a short film category, winning films must not 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.
- Short film juries should be comprised of qualified filmmakers and/or film industry professionals.



Festival applications will be reviewed by the Academy's Short 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 Short Film categories (Animation, Documentary, and/or Live Action).