



Submission Requirements for Documentary Feature  
Final submission deadline: December 1, 2020

Due to the unprecedented coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic and the mandatory theater closures, films that had a previously planned theatrical release but are initially made available through commercial streaming, VOD service or other broadcast may qualify for awards consideration in the Documentary Feature category.

These films will need to provide proof of a planned theatrical release such as a theater letter/contract or an executed deal that demonstrates intent for a film to be released in 2020 by a theatrical distributor. Films that are unable to provide this documentation may appeal for consideration. The Documentary Branch Executive Committee will evaluate all matters of rules and eligibility. This process is ongoing, and the committee will continue to monitor the situation.

To submit your film, go to [submissions.oscars.org](https://submissions.oscars.org) to register and request access to the Feature Film categories. Once approved, you'll receive an automated email with instructions. Please note in order for your film to be eligible in any other category, including Music, you must submit in both the Documentary Feature and General Entry categories when completing your online submission.

Please upload the following additional materials on the submission site:

- The Oscars Submission Form (OSF) signed by all directors and producers
- Complete cast and crew credits (the film's full opening and closing credits as they appear on screen)
- Confirmation documents for one of the following:
  - a) Confirmation of the qualifying film festival award or programs  
OR
  - b) Letters, contracts or other documentation demonstrating intention for the film to have a theatrical release  
OR
  - c) Letters from the qualifying theaters confirming the completion of the qualifying release, including the projection format, release dates and screening times
- Digital scan/copy of the film's movie critic review from the corresponding qualifying city (if applicable)
- Digital upload of the film for streaming purposes: [Technical Specifications](#)
  - Please note the new requirements for closed captioning
- Movie Poster - Horizontal Display for Academy Screening Room (without laurels or credits):

<u>Image Specifications</u>	<u>File Formats</u>	<u>Title Placement</u>
480 (w) x 270 (h) 96 ppi RGB(8-bits/channel)	High-Resolution JPG, PNG, or TIFFs	Must be top or center aligned.

Additionally, the Academy may request 50 DVDs of the film at a later date, once the office has re-opened and can receive shipments.