



Submission Requirements for Documentary Short Subject

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 Short Subject 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 to register and request access to the Short Films categories. Once approved, you'll receive an automated email with instructions.

Please upload the following 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
 - b) Letters, contracts or other documentation demonstrating intention for the film to have a theatrical release
OR
 - c) Letter from the qualifying theater confirming the completion of the theatrical qualifying run including the projection format, release dates and screening times
- Digital scan/copy of the advertising or theater listing for the theatrical qualifying run (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.