



Submission Requirements for Documentary Short Subject

Documentary shorts must qualify between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. The completed online submission form and all entry materials must be received by the Academy no later than 5pm PT on **October 15, 2021**.

Due to the unprecedented coronavirus / COVID-19 pandemic and the mandatory theater closures, for the 94th Oscars only, 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 the previously planned theatrical release such as a theater letter or contract. For questions, please contact documentaries@oscars.org.

To submit a film, go to submissions.oscars.org to register and request access to the Short Film categories. Once approved, you'll receive an automated email with instructions. If you are an Academy member or have submitted in the past, you do not need to register an account to login.

Please upload the following on the submission site:

- The Oscars Submission Form (OSF) signed by all directors and producers
- A copy of the 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) Letter from the qualifying theater confirming the completion of the theatrical run including the projection format, release dates, and screening times
OR
 - c) Letter, contracts, or other documentation demonstrating intention for the film to have a theatrical release
- Digital upload of the film for the Academy Screening Room: [Technical Specifications](#)
 - Please note the requirements for closed captioning
- Movie Poster – Digital Horizontal Display for the Academy Screening Room
 - Artwork should not include text such as quotes, taglines, credits, copyrights, or billing blocks
 - Artwork should not include logos or laurels such as studio logos or award achievements.
 - 1920px (w) X 1080px (h)
 - 96 dpi
 - RGB (8-bits/channel)
 - File Format: High-Resolution JPG or TIFFs
 - Title Placement: Can be top, center, or bottom aligned