



Music Category Submission FAQ's

The Original Song and Original Score submission deadline is November 1, 2021

- **Where can I find the complete rules for the 94th Academy Awards?**
 - Please follow this link: https://www.oscars.org/sites/oscars/files/94aa_rules.pdf

- **What is eligible for the Music Awards Category?**
 - Feature length films that have been submitted for general entry. Short films in any genre are **not** eligible.

- **Does the film have to be submitted for General Entry to qualify for the Music Categories?**
 - YES. Your film does have to be submitted as a General Entry for Best Picture to be eligible for submission in the Music categories (Original Score, Original Song.)

- **Can I submit my song or score if the studio has not yet submitted if for General Entry?**
 - YES. You can create the Music category submission before your film is submitted for General Entry. Please select 'Film Not Listed' in the Submission Entry Creation Dropdown after you are approved to submit via our registration at submissions.oscars.org. **REMINDER MUSIC SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 1ST, 2021 AND GENERAL ENTRY DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 15TH, 2021.**

- **How do I start a submission and know if my film qualifies?**
 - Please review the awards categories for film submission under on the previously linked Rules & Eligibility page. Once you determine which categories are applicable, navigate to <https://submissions.oscars.org/> for further details about deadlines to note in multiple categories for your submission(s). Scroll to the bottom of the page and either "Register" as a new credit submitter or "Login" from a previously approved account. Once you are logged in, please follow and read ALL steps in submission flow chart. If you have any questions or troubleshooting issues, contact Music@oscars.org. If you feel it pertains, please include a screenshot as well.

- **Who is as an authorized representative to register for a Music Entry Submission?**
 - Agents, managers, personal assistants, publicists, and studios/distributors may submit on behalf of the artist.

- **Where do I find the forms I need to fill out?**
 - Once you begin the submission process, **ALL** forms can be found on the submission site under 'Upload Materials.' Please download, complete and sign each form. You will then upload the forms to the submission portal. If you have questions about how to fill out the forms, please reach out to Music@oscars.org.

- **I have a different way of doing things. Can I submit my own version of the breakdown form?**
 - NO. All Academy submission forms must be completed to be eligible for consideration. We do not accept different types of submission forms. Please contact the Music submissions team at Music@oscars.org if you have further questions regarding this matter.

- **Will my submission qualify if I sent in the cue sheet by itself?**
 - NO. All forms (please see Rule Fifteen) are required to be signed, completed and uploaded in order for a submission to be eligible for consideration.

- **What if my cue sheet is not finalized by the deadline? The November 1 submission deadline will be difficult to meet.**
 - We do not accept late submissions. Please stay in contact with the Music submissions team at Music@oscars.org regarding the status of your cue sheet.

- **The score I am submitting does not meet the minimum requirement of 60% of the film's music, but it is close – what do I do?**
 - You can submit your film with a letter explaining why you did not meet the minimum percentage. The Music Branch Executive Committee's decision on eligibility is final.

- **The Original Song Contribution Form only has room for four names. Can I submit more than 4 songwriters?**
 - NO. No more than four individuals can be submitted.

- **How many cuts can I make in my 3-minute clip for Original Song?**
 - There is no limit on the number of cuts in the required song clip. The purpose of the clip is to showcase how the song is used in the film.

- **What if my song clip is longer than 3 minutes?**

- We will end your clip at the 3-minute mark.

- **How can I tell if my song clip has been successfully uploaded?**

- In the upload process, you will be prompted to download Aspera Connect when navigating to 'Upload Materials' for your Original Song Submission. Please make sure you complete this step prior to uploading your song clip. In the 'Streaming Asset' section you will see a green checkmark to the left of the title of your file after it completes uploading. You will also be notified by email that we have received your music clip, along with other submission materials, after uploading all of them.

The screenshot displays the 'UPLOAD STREAMING MATERIALS' interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'SUBMISSION', 'ACCOUNT', and 'HELP', along with a 'LOGOUT' button. The main content is divided into three sections:

- STREAMING DISPLAY ARTWORK (REQUIRED):** Includes instructions on using artwork for the Academy Screening Room and an 'UPLOAD' button. Below, it states 'UPLOADED MATERIALS: You do not have any uploaded materials.'
- STREAMING ASSET (REQUIRED):** Explains that a streaming asset is a mezzanine file. It shows 'UPLOADED MATERIALS' with a file named 'main.mp4' marked with a green checkmark and a red box. An 'UPLOAD' button is also present.
- CLOSED CAPTIONS & SUBTITLES (REQUIRED):** Provides details on required file formats (English in webvtt, International Feature Films in webvtt, and optional French/Spanish). It shows 'UPLOADED MATERIALS: You do not have any uploaded materials.'

At the bottom, there is a section for 'UPLOAD SCENE AT THE ACADEMY MATERIALS' and a footer with links for 'ABOUT', 'CONTACT', 'LEGAL', 'SITE MAP', 'CAREERS', and 'PRESS', along with the copyright notice '©2020 Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences'.

- **Is a song/score that has been previously nominated eligible to be nominated again?**

- NO.