



FAQS

FEATURE FILM – GENERAL ENTRY

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1. Which award categories are included in Feature Film (General Entry) submissions?

General categories include Best Picture and achievements in Acting, Cinematography, Costume Design, Directing, Film Editing, Makeup & Hairstyling, Music*, Production Design, Sound, Visual Effects and Writing.

*Note: Music credits are not requested on the General Entry Oscars Submission Form (OSF). All Music submissions, including those for documentary features, require a separate Music submission by the composer or authorized representative AND a corresponding Music OSF, completed by the producer or distributor.

2. Is there a fee to submit a film for consideration?

There is no entry fee for submission in the General Entry category.

3. Is theatrical distribution outside the six qualifying U.S. metro areas permissible? What about screenings at schools or film festivals?

Features under consideration for General Entry may be released in commercial theaters outside the six qualifying metro areas and may play in schools and at film festivals without affecting their eligibility.

4. My film was broadcast on television outside the U.S. before it opened theatrically in the U.S. Is it still eligible?

If the film received a theatrical release outside the U.S. before it was broadcast on television, and if the television broadcast was only outside the U.S., the film could still be eligible. Please contact submissions@oscars.org

5. Can I run a trailer on the Internet or elsewhere?

Yes, as long as the footage totals no more than fifteen percent of the film's running time.

6. Does an HD-Cam or Blu-Ray meet the digital screening requirements?

No. Only a Digital Cinema Package (DCP) meets our digital requirements. See Rule 2 (Eligibility) in the Complete Rules for more information on what constitutes a Digital Cinema Package and other digital screening requirements.



7. What is the Academy Screening Room and do I have to use it?

The Academy Screening Room (ASR) is a secure members-only streaming platform. Streaming on ASR allows Academy members around the world to access and view your film prior to voting. For

General Entry films that had a qualifying theatrical release, use of ASR is strictly optional.

8. How can I upload my film to the Academy Screening Room?

After you finish and upload the signed Oscars Submission Form and complete screen credits, you can purchase upload access to the Academy Screening Room within the submissions site. For more information about ASR costs and requirements, please see the ASR Guidelines posted at:

<https://www.oscars.org/oscars/rules-eligibility>

9. The submissions site requests credits for the Oscars Submission Form (OSF) but also asks for complete screen credits or legal billing. What are those?

Complete screen credits are the full cast and crew credits that appear on the film itself, from beginning to end. Studios often refer to the screen credits as legal billing because there may be contractual agreements about the appearance or location of a credit on the film. For Awards purposes, we use the complete screen credits to verify the information on the OSF.

10. I submitted my film last year, but since then I've added new material or re-edited. Can I submit it again?

No. We do not accept works in progress; the version submitted to the Academy must be the final and definitive version of the film and must be the same version that played during the qualifying release.

11. My film was originally released in another country and/or the dialogue is in a language other than English. Should I submit it for the International Feature Film Award instead of General Entry?

Motion pictures from all countries may be eligible for the General Entry (Feature Film) awards (Rule 2 and Rule 3) if they satisfy the requirements of the other applicable rules and contain English-language subtitles (if released in another language). However, entries for the International Feature Film Award can only be submitted through the country of origin by a specially appointed committee or representative.

12. What advertisements are required?

An ad may be as simple or elaborate as you wish. For the purposes of a General Entry submission, a theater listing or theater showtimes grid will meet this requirement.



13. Rule 4, titled "Submission," says I need to send prints of the film to the Academy and I need to sign an agreement. Should I upload or send that with the Oscars Submission Form (OSF)?

No, do not send DVDs or streaming links of the film when submitting the OSF for consideration in the General Entry category. You'll be asked to send a print with an acknowledgement of the Academy Regulations if the film receives a nomination(s).

14. If my film is nominated for Best Picture, which individuals receive the statuette?

The three or fewer producers who performed the major portion of the producing functions and received "producer" or "produced by" credits on the nominated film. See Rule 16, Special Rules for the Best Picture of the Year Award for more information.