



FAQS

LIVE ACTION SHORT FILM

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1. Will my short film be ineligible if it screens at schools and/or film festivals?

Public screenings at schools and film festivals do not affect the film's eligibility. Film festivals that utilize online screenings, should have either a transactional pay wall or a password-protected entry.

2. How long do I have to qualify my short film?

You have two years from completion to qualify it.

3. What is the maximum running time to be enter a short film competition?

The maximum runtime is 40 minutes

4. The entry form only allows for two possible nominees but another person who worked on the film definitely deserves an award.

A maximum of two individuals may be named as possible nominees for a short film. Everyone with a director or producer credit must sign off in agreement on the designated nominees when submitting.

5. Can short films enter other Oscar categories?

Shorts are not eligible to compete in additional Oscar categories outside of their specific short film competition.

6. My film is a combination of live action and animation. Which category should I choose?

Please review the Short Film Awards rules for the category definitions. We leave the decision up to the filmmakers as to which category is the best fit for their film. However, all final determinations of eligibility are made by the Short Films and Feature Animation Branch Executive Committee.

7. 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 your film.



8. I submitted my film last year, but since then I've won an additional festival award. Can I submit it again?

No. The category rules only allow for a film to be submitted once for awards consideration.

9. 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 shortfilms@oscars.org

10. Are student films allowed to enter?

Student films are only eligible by winning an Oscar qualifying festival or Student Academy Award. Student films cannot qualify with a theatrical release.

11. How much does it cost to upload a short to the Academy Screening Room?

There is no cost for short films to be uploaded.

12. Where do I inquire about applying to make a festival Oscar qualified?

For more information, please reach out to Awardsoffice@oscars.org