



CARNEGIE MELLON
INTERNATIONAL
FILM FESTIVAL

Short film Competition

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What Are We

WELCOME TO THE 2021 CARNEGIE MELLON INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL COMPETITION

The CMU International Film Festival's Short Film Competition (SFC) is an annual competition that aims to gather cinematic perspectives from around the world on a current social issue or idea. The SFC invites and encourages independent filmmakers to submit a short film of their making that presents a unique vision, and creates poignant conversation.

Awards

**GRAND
PRIZE**

\$1,000

**SECOND
PRIZE**

\$500

**AUDIENCE
PRIZE**

\$250

The Grand and Second Prize will be given to films selected by a panel of four respected filmmakers and scholars, as based on quality and merit of the submissions. The Audience Prize will be determined through voting on Eventive, open a week prior to the screening period of the Short Film Competition. The winner of the Audience Prize will be announced together with the winners of the Grand Prize and Second Prize.

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Guidelines

FORMAT

1. MP4 or MOV formats
 2. Use H.264 codec
 3. Code Rate: 5M per second
 4. Video size: 720P (1280x720)
- Film must not include copyrighted images, video or music
 - If in a language other than English, and/or if audio is in any way muffled, subtitles are required
 - Films should be anywhere between 5 - 15 minutes in length

Guidelines

- Filmmakers should at least age 18 and must be based in the United States
- Each director can submit a maximum of 2 short films
- The film must not have been submitted to CMU IFF Short Film Competition before 2020
- Film must have been made between 2018-2021

SUBMISSION - FILMFREEWAY

Submission

- The fee for submission is \$20. Films submitted and accepted for the 2020 Short Film Competition, which was not held, will have their submission fee waived. Please contact us at cmusfc@gmail.com if you submitted last year and are in need of a waiver.

Link for submission:

<https://filmfreeway.com/2021CarnegieMellonInternationalFilmFestivalShortFilmCompetition>

- If the film has been submitted to other festivals and/or received any awards, please list them with submission
- Please include Pittsburgh, United States within the address

Deadline

The deadline for submission is 11:59 pm on April 24, 2021.

Failure to submit prior to the due date may result in rejection.

Ten selected submissions will be screened virtually at the festival's Short Film Competition night on May 15th.

Please email cmusfc@gmail.com for other payment methods, submission details, or any other questions concerning the Short Film Competition.

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