

2017 Kaohsiung Film Festival International Short Film Competition Call for Entries and Rules

Submit a Short Film to See the World!

Kaohsiung Film Festival International Short Film Competition now offers more than million dollars for its participants!

☑ The biggest and the only international short film platform in Taiwan

Independent, original, innovative and entertaining short films around the world will gather in Kaohsiung Film Festival International Short Film Competition for its total prize of NTD 1,000,000. In 2016, we had over 2,500 participants, including short film award winners of Academy Award, Cannes Festival, Berlinale, Venice Film Festival, Sundance Film Festival, Annecy International Animated Film Festival and Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival. More and more short films also choose our competition as the world or the Asia premiere. It is obvious that Kaohsiung Film Festival International Short Film Competition's six-year efforts have thrived and successfully impressed many outstanding film makers around the world.

☑ We have an exclusive APP to create a brand new film watching experience without limits of space

Kaohsiung Film Festival launched well-received KFF Cloud Cinema APP in 2014 to overcome the location limits. Now, viewers can watch various short films on the fly via their mobile devices. All nominated short films will also be screened on the APP during Kaohsiung Film Festival (the digital content is only available in Taiwan during the festival). To better support the film makers, we will offer USD\$ 100 for every nominated film work of the competition as an authorization of screening on mobile devices in the hope to seeing more and even better short films in the future.

Kaohsiung Film Festival International Short Film Competition breaks the limitation of genres, and all kinds of short films – drama, animation, documentary, experimental shorts – with the spirit of short film are eligible for winning our highest prize, Kaohsiung Award. In addition, Fantasy Fireball Award invites all the innovative and experimental short films, while Green S.O.S Award calls for all the short films focusing on environmental and human issues since Kaohsiung, an industry center, has been putting emphasis on them for years. Animation Award aims to encourage animators to further extend the imagination of people toward short films with the most creative ways. Now, aside from above mentioned awards, when a director has Taiwan nationality or a film's country of origin is labeled as Taiwan, they are also eligible for winning Taiwan Award. We also have Taiwan Student Award, focusing on students' works in order to further encourage young Taiwanese directors to make more films with their unique personalities. Since last year, we have also launched Online Audience Award to invite viewers of KFF Cloud Cinema APP to vote their favorite online. With all these awards, Kaohsiung Film Festival International Short Film Competition sincerely invites all short films, whether being mainstream or not, and their makers to join the contest, and gather together in Kaohsiung in October to personally interact with your passionate audience and fellow film lovers!

2017 Kaohsiung Film Festival International Short Film Competition will open for entries starting from April 15 and the submission will be closed at June 15. For Taiwanese participants, the submission deadline will be extended exclusively till June 30. This year's awards include Kaohsiung Award, Fantasy Fireball Award, Green S.O.S Award, Animation Award, Taiwan Award, Taiwan Student Award, Online Audience Award and Outstanding Selections. All genres are accepted as long as the length of the film is less than 25 minutes. The nominees is projected to be announced in Mid-September and nominated participants will be individually noticed. The winners will be announced on our official site and Facebook fanpage during Kaohsiung Film Festival. For full rules and detailed information, please visit Kaohsiung Film Festival International Short Film Competition official website (<http://www.kff.tw/kffsubmission>).

[Requirements]

1. Only film works completed after January 1, 2016 are eligible for the competition. Any duplicate submission, including the same film with edits or under another title, will be disqualified.
2. To be eligible for Taiwan Award, a director should have Taiwanese nationality or Taiwan Resident Certificate, or the submitted film's country of origin is Taiwan.
3. To be eligible for Taiwan Student Award, a director should be a registered student born after January 1, 1988 (including graduates of 2017); the director should also have Taiwanese nationality or Taiwan Resident Certificate, or the submitted film's country of origin is Taiwan.

[Submission]

1. All genres are acceptable.
2. The length of submitted films should be no more than 25 minutes 0 second (closing credits included).

[Awards]

KAOHSIUNG AWARD: **USD\$10,000**

FANTASY FIREBALL AWARD: **USD\$5,000**

GREEN S.O.S AWARD: **USD\$5,000**

ANIMATION AWARD: **USD\$5,000**

TAIWAN AWARD: **USD\$ 5,000**

TAIWAN STUDENT AWARD: **USD\$ 3,000**

ONLINE AUDIENCE AWARD: **USD\$ 1,000**

OUTSTANDING SELECTION (several recipients): **USD\$ 1,000**

[Notices]

1. No entry fee is required.
2. Please take one of the steps listed below to submit your film:
 - Please submit your short film via Shortfilmdepot: www.shortfilmdepot.comor
 - Submit your short film via Kaohsiung Film Festival International Short Film Competition official site: <http://www.kff.tw/kffsubmission>

If you are submitting your film via Kaohsiung Film Festival International Short Film Competition official site, you will also need to:

- Fill in the online entry form.
- Upload a vertical portrait photograph of the director and three different horizontal film stills (300 dpi or higher, JPG, 600 KB-3 MB).
- Upload the digital file of the film with built-in English subtitles (1280*720, less than 2 GB, MOV/MP4; the content of the file should be identical with the film copy).
- Upload scanned images of your student ID card (both sides) if you want to apply for "Taiwan Student Award."
- All the provided information on the online entry form and the uploaded digital data will be used for further announcements, film festival pamphlets, ceremonies as they are. The participants are solely responsible for the accuracy of the information.
- For foreign participants, please complete your online submission before Taiwan Time 11:59 pm June 15, 2017 (Thursday); for Taiwanese participants, please complete your online submission before Taiwan Time 11:59 pm June 30, 2017 (Friday).

*The system will be closed at the said time. We suggest you submit your work earlier to avoid server overload that may delay your uploading time.

[Documents Needed to be Submitted for Nominees]

1. Copyright Declaration Form
2. The dialogue list in English/the original language (Microsoft Word/Excel file)
3. Press-kit or synopsis (less than 150 English words)
4. A brief biography of the director (less than 150 English words)
5. Director's photo (vertical, JPG, 300 dpi or higher, 600 KB-3 MB)
6. Three different film stills (horizontal, JPG, 300 dpi or higher, 600 KB-3 MB)
7. The original film (1920*1080, MOV (ProRes422) or H264 (15mbps or higher); the copy should be with its original dub, and English subtitle if the original dub is not in English).
8. Two trailer files, with and without subtitle (1920*1080, MOV (ProRes422) or H264 (15mbps or higher))
9. Bank information

[Selection]

The selection will be divided into two phases with professional panels consist of film and media experts in the industry. The nominations will be disclosed in Mid-September, and the winners will be announced at the Award Ceremony of Kaohsiung Film Festival International Short Film Competition.

[Copyright and Other Notices]

For all participants:

1. Participants agree to authorize Bureau of Cultural Affairs of Kaohsiung City Government, Kaohsiung Film Archive and any of their related authorized third parties to use, reproduce and edit (including, without limitation, making into DVD, translating, adding Chinese/English subtitles) the 10% length of the submitted film (or participants may provide their own edited files), less than 3 minutes, and other provided information (including, without limitation, texts, data and digital files) to be openly screened, performed, referred and demonstrated in "2017 Kaohsiung

Film Festival International Short Film Competition" related activities (including, without limitation, promotion and film festival activities) without requiring any charges.

2. All dubs, music pieces, pictures and texts used in the film should be properly authorized to be reproduced, edited, openly screened, openly performed, openly referred, openly demonstrated and openly transmitted by the original artist/team. Participants will be solely responsible for any dispute arose from copyright affairs in screening. When necessary, we may ask participants to provide related certificates and to sign a copyright declaration for music used in the film for further investigations.
3. If a participant finishes all the processes of submitting work, it indicates that the participant agrees to the rules of this competition, and the competition participation may not be withdrawn for any reason. The participant, the film maker, the film producer and other related parties are responsible for the legitimacy of the submitted work. We reserve the right of final decision on the eligibility of each participant.

For nominees:

1. Once a film has been nominated it cannot be withdrawn from the festival during the event, and related staff should participate in related festival programs and ceremonies when needed.
2. Nominees agree that we may use nominated films and their stills for marketing, promoting, demonstrating purposes without any charges.
3. All nominees should provide screening copies which follow our subtitle rules. If not, we reserve the right of final decision on the eligibility of the nominees in the competition.
4. Nominees authorize Bureau of Cultural Affairs of Kaohsiung City Government, Kaohsiung Film Archive and any of their related authorized third parties to screen their submitted films in festival venues during Kaohsiung Film Festival (October

20, 2017-November 05, 2017) without requiring any charges, and agree that we may produce and keep copies with Chinese or English subtitles of nominated films for screening purposes.

5. All nominees agree to authorize Bureau of Cultural Affairs of Kaohsiung City Government, Kaohsiung Film Archive and any of their related authorized third parties to openly transmit nominated films via mobile platforms (KFF Cloud Cinema, the Kaohsiung Film Festival exclusive online video platform, which is only available for users with Taiwan IPs) during October 5, 2017-November 05, 2017 in Taiwan for promoting purposes. All the nominated films will be watched and voted online by viewers, and will be openly transmitted and received by the public or particular groups with or without charges for promoting purposes. The nominees also agree that we may produce and keep copies with Chinese or English subtitles of nominated films for screening purposes.
6. If nominated, a participant will receive USD\$ 100 for the authorization of screening by Kaohsiung Film Festival. Due to its legal nature, the first receiver of USD\$ 100 should be the copyright owner.
7. In accordance with the Income Tax Act of Taiwan, when a prize's value is over NTD 1,000, it should be listed on the receiver's yearly income tax return. The award winners will need to fill and submit related receipts before receiving prizes and will be automatically disqualified when failing to do so.

For winners:

1. To maximize the effectiveness of the festival and art promotion, all award winners of the competition agree that Kaohsiung Film Festival may:
 - (1) Extend the screening duration up to one week on KFF Cloud Cinema APP after the festival is ended;
 - (2) Extend the screening times of award-winning films up to three times in KFF venues (no later than December 31, 2017);

- (3) Screen award-winning films in KFF venues (for up to three sessions) and on KFF Cloud Cinema APP (for up to three weeks) before 2018 Kaohsiung Film Festival begins to further promote 2018 Kaohsiung Film Festival.
2. The competition aims to better support the film making industry, and the receivers of related certificates, awards and prizes should be film makers. When a dispute arises, the first award/prize receiver will be the director (as listed on the entry form). An authorization letter should be enclosed when the prize receiver is another person. The award winners are solely responsible for all legal responsibilities.
3. In accordance with the Income Tax Act of Taiwan, when a prize's value is over NTD 20,000, the winner must pay 10% of the value as income tax. When the winner is a foreigner (person inhabiting Taiwan for less than 183 days a year), 20% must be paid instead.

Other notices:

1. All submissions will not be returned and it is recommended for participants to keep their own copies.
2. The participants are solely responsible for any copyright violation and dispute arose from their submissions. When a violation of related laws is confirmed, the responsible party must return any received certificates, awards and prizes.
3. We reserve the right to revise these regulations, and all modification will be announced otherwise.

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