



2017 Submission Guidelines

On August 4 and 5, 2017 the 10th Annual Ballston Spa International Short Film Festival will be held in the Village of Ballston Spa, NY. The Festival showcases short films from around the world as well those by local & young filmmakers. A variety of film professionals will judge the entrants to determine award winners in several general and young filmmaker categories, including two who were early advisors in the creation of Sundance Film Festival.

Ballston Spa Film Festival, has become a one-of-a-kind destination on the short film festival circuit taking place in a charming, walkable Victorian village in upstate New York not far from Albany and Saratoga Springs.

In recent years, our festival has been able to accept only a quarter to a third of films submitted for screening in competition. Our audiences typically range from 50-125 viewers for each of our two indoor screenings and from 100-400 viewers for each of our two outdoors screenings.

Many films will be screened outdoors in a public park. No film will be accepted if it features excessive violence, gore, foul language or nudity. If your film were to be rated by the MPAA it should qualify for a G, PG or possibly PG-13 rating. **Music videos are not currently an accepted category for this festival.** Each film you enter must have a separate completed entry form and entry fee.

Submissions from young filmmakers should be less than 10 minutes total running time. All other films should be less than 15 minutes total running time. All shorts must be submitted on DVD or via the online submission site shown below. Submissions will not be returned. *Every film submitted gets screened by our selection committee.*

Final deadline for entries is May 5, 2017 – Reduced fees for earlier submissions

See application for details

Awards will include Best of the Fest, Best New Film (for a world premiere at our festival), Young Filmmaker Best of the Fest, Committee Choice and others.

The Young Filmmaker category is limited to filmmakers 21 years of age and younger as of May 1, 2017.

Filmmakers selected for our festival screenings will be notified June 1, 2017. If selected, you should be prepared to send production/publicity stills for your film at hi-resolution (not video frame grabs).

PLEASE NOTE: *Winners will receive awards the final night of the Festival at the After Party following the 9pm slate of films. We do not mail awards unless the filmmaker would like to pay shipping costs. The option to pay for shipping will be offered to winners when they are notified on Sunday, August 5, 2017.*

On-line film submission site

Submit with  →

<https://filmfreeway.com/festival/BallstonSpaFilmFestival>

Ballston Spa Film Festival • PO Box 40 • Ballston Spa, NY 12020

www.bspafilm.org 518-441-4236

The Ballston Spa Film Festival, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 corporation and contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law. BSFF, Inc. was organized to promote an appreciation of films and filmmaking in the Ballston Spa and Greater Capital District by presenting film festivals in which established, emerging and unknown filmmakers can display their films, by presenting free classic films to the public, and by organizing public forums, discussions and workshops regarding films and filmmaking.



2017 Submission Application

Name of Film: _____

Country of Production: _____ Will this screening be a premiere of your film? () NO () YES () World () USA

Date of Completion: _____

Does this film contain an original score? () Yes () No Running Time of Film _____ (min:sec)

Your Name: _____

Role in Production: () Director () Producer () Writer () Composer

Your Address: _____

Your Phone: _____ Your Email: _____

Your signature below grants the BSFF the right to exhibit your film in public, and use clips or still images from it in our marketing materials if it is selected for the festival.

You certify and agree this film is not subject to any litigation nor is any threatened, you are authorized to submit this film for public exhibition, and all statements in this agreement are true.

Signed _____ Date _____

Check all that apply:

- () I am 21 yrs. of age or older
() I am 18 - 21 yrs. of age and am submitting as a young filmmaker. Birthdate: _____
() I am under 18 yrs. of age and my parent or guardian is signing the agreement

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

- Attach to this application a 200-word summary of your film and a 100-word biography of the filmmaker.
Adult Filmmakers: enclose with your submission a \$20 entry fee by 3/31/17, \$25 fee by 4/21/17, \$30 fee by 5/5/17.
Young Filmmakers: enclose with your submission a \$5 entry fee by 5/5/17.
Films submitted via DVD, should be mailed to: Ballston Spa Film Festival, 695 Eastline Road, Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Please make checks payable to the Ballston Spa Film Festival, Inc.

How did you hear about the Festival? _____

List any awards this film has won in previous film festivals: _____

May we showcase your film on local TV if it wins an award?: YES NO Signature: _____

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