Top Shorts is the world's leading online film festival, showcasing outstanding short films from around the world to an audience of film fans and filmmakers.

Top Shorts is an IMDb qualifying festival, and was recently ranked 8th Best Reviewed Festival out of over 4,000 of the world's best film festivals (and 1st from the online festivals, FilmFreeway May 2016).

We accept short films (up to 30 minutes length) in the following categories: Animation, Documentary, Indie, Inspirational, Micro Film and Narrative.

For the Special Screening category, we accept longer films (30-120 minutes).

\* NEW CATEGORIES: Screenplay (Short+Feature), Web Series, Music Video, Experimental, Director, Actor, Actress and more.

\*\* ONLINE - IMPORTANT NOTE: We understand that some of the films can't be available online. We won't put the full version of your film on our website if you don't want to. A TRAILER WILL DO. Your film can be eligible for any award other than the Audience Choice award, which is for films that are available online during the festival.

For any question, please contact us at info.topshorts@gmail.com

Awards & Prizes

BEST OF FEST

--- CATEGORY AWARDS ---

Best Student Film

Best Drama

Best Comedy

Best Horror

Best Thriller

Best Crime Film

Best Mystery Film

Best Western

Best Fantasy Film

Best Film Noir

Best Sci-Fi

Best Animation

Best Documentary

Best Micro Film

Best Inspirational Film

Best Indie Film

Best Web Series

Best Music Video

Best Experimental Film

Best Trailer

Best Commercial/Promotional Video

Best Screenplay

Best Original Story

--- CAST & CREW AWARDS ---

Best Director

Best First Time Director

Best Actor

Best Actress

Best Supporting Actor

Best Supporting Actress

Best Young Actor (13-18)

Best Young Actress (13-18)

Best Child Actor (5-12)

Best Child Actress (5-12)

Best Ensemble

Best Cinematography

Best Editing

Best Original Score

Best Sound Design

Best Visual Effects

Young Filmmaker Award (18 and under)

--- AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARDS ---

Audience Award - Animation

Audience Award - Documentary

Audience Award - Narrative

Audience Award - Inspirational film

Audience Award - Micro Film (up to 120 seconds)

Audience Award - Indie Film ($0-$5000 budget)

Audience Award - Web Series

Audience Award - Music Video

Audience Award - Experimental Film

--- OTHER RECOGNITIONS ---

Special Screening (30-120 minutes films)

Film of the Month

\* The Best of Fest winner will receive one free Top Shorts statuette. Other winners may order a statuette for themselves and their team, for $290 including shipping.

**Rules & Terms**

\* What we’re looking for? Story-based films, which can be in the form of narrative (fiction), documentary (non fiction), or animation.

\* All films must include English subtitles

\* By submitting your film, take note that:

1. You agree to have your film streamed online on topshorts.net and/or Top Shorts' YouTube and Vimeo channels (unless you ask not to participate in the online competition).

2. You agree to use parts of your film (including trailer/teaser/film poster) for promotional purpose.

Top Shorts does not accept the following:

1. Amateur videos

2. Extremist or propaganda content from religious or political organizations

3. Films which are made before 2013

4. Films with a poor production standard (bad sound, lack of subtitles/captions for non-English films, video resolution less than 720p HD)