

Rules & Terms

ELIGIBILITY: PLEASE READ REQUIREMENTS IN DETAIL

SUBMIT FILMS AT <https://filmfreeway.com/CineOdysseyFilmFestival>

- Films produced, directed, and starring a person who is of African, Caribbean, Latino, Asian, Indigenous, or African American descent. If producer or director is not a person of color, the film must at least star or prominently feature a character of the above ethnicities.

Preference will be given to films that have a "Charlotte, North Carolina Premier" status with the CineOdyssey Animation Festival

- Films will NOT be accepted if...
 - produced prior to Jan 1, 2023.
 - screening on any digital platform (i.e., Vimeo, YouTube, websites, etc.) during the duration of the 2026 CineOdyssey Animation Festival.

FORMATS:

- DCP or Digital File

RULES & TERMS:

- Total running time for short films must not exceed 30 minutes, features, 120 minutes.
- English subtitles must be included in foreign language films.
- Students must be at least a high school senior. Proof of enrollment with either a school photo I.D. or a letter from a school official at an accredited high school or college is required.
- Film submissions and deadlines listed below. Submission fees must be paid in USD and are nonrefundable.
 - EARLY DEADLINE is July 27, 2025
 - VARIOUS TIER SUBMISSION FEES are based on genre/format until Aug 27, 2026 (EXTENDED LATE DEADLINE)
 - Event is Nov 12-14, 2026
- All submissions must include a trailer and promotional materials (i.e., photo stills, poster, one-sheets), authorized for CineOdyssey Film Festival to use for publicity purposes.
- CineOdyssey Animation Festival will not be responsible for lost, misdirected, or damaged submissions.
- If film is officially selected, filmmakers must submit film file, and any electronic press kit materials/assets NO LATER THAN Oct 22, 2026. Failure to do so will disqualify film from the festival. We generally do not provide screening fees. Please do not accept an invitation to screen at our festival, and then make the acceptance contingent on us paying a screening fee.

Any additional queries should be sent to info@cineodysseyfest.org.