Rules & Terms

All genres are accepted. Foreign language films must be subtitled in English.

Maximum film duration: 15:00 minutes (including credits).

Filmmakers must be at least 18 years old to enter.

Films with U.S. distribution (obtained prior to being selected for screening) or films produced, financed or initiated by a major film studio or television network are ineligible for competition.

Films may not be publicly available online prior to submission, and winning films may not be made publicly available online until after the awards ceremony.

By submitting a film to the Literary Short Film Awards (LSFA), filmmaker grants permission to the LSFA to screen the film, in whole or in part, for any or all promotions, compilations, screenings, and at any events sponsored or co-sponsored by Literal Magazine including but not limited to the awards ceremony. Literal Magazine may contract separately with winners to discuss creating a compilation DVD of Literally Short Film Awards winners to be made available for purchase. Accepted films may not screen online prior to the award ceremony once they have been submitted. The filmmaker submitting the film hereby warrants that he/she/it is over the age of 18, and is authorized to commit the film for screening, and understands and accepts these requirements and regulations. Filmmaker agrees that all rights and permissions for any materials contained within said entry, including all music rights, photographs, film clips, voice recordings, have been granted, and Filmmaker will indemnify and hold LSFA harmless from any or all disputes and claims that may arise from these rights and permissions granted.