

Follow Your Heart FILM FESTIVAL

International Film Festival "Follow Your Heart"

Supplemental Guidelines for Best Young Director (Under 21) Award

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A. Purpose

These guidelines supplement the Protocol for the Selection and Work of Jury Members, dated January 4, 2023, outlining the procedure for assigning the Best Young Director (Under 21) Award.

The award recognizes a director under 21 years old at the time of production for exceptional directorial vision in a film (feature or short).

B. Evaluation Format

B.1. Open Evaluation

The jury receives:

- Film title, genre, length, and year of release.
- Director's name, age, and production details.
- Access to screener links.

B.2. Transparency

All relevant information is provided to evaluate the director's vision and skill.

C. Submission Requirements

C.1. Complete Submission

Submissions must include:

- A credited director listed in the final credits.

- Proof of age (e.g., government-issued ID).
- A complete screener of the film.

C.2. Incomplete Submissions

If credits or age proof are missing:

- The submission is assigned a “Pending Credit” status.
- The Committee provides a 7-calendar-day Cure Period.
- Failure to provide documentation results in disqualification.

D. Award Eligibility and Verification

D.1. Verification of Director and Age

The Committee verifies the director’s identity and age via:

- Final film credits.
- Age documentation.
- Signed agreements or certified letters.

D.2. Non-Verification

If unverified, the submission is disqualified.

E. Award Assignment

E.1. Attribution

The award is granted to the director for their work on the film.

E.2. Credit Disputes

Disputes suspend the announcement until resolved.

F. Conflict of Interest

F.1. Declaration

Jury members declare conflicts and abstain if necessary.

F.2. Handling Errors

Errors in credits are logged and addressed.

G. Documentation and Recordkeeping

G.1. Records

Decisions are documented and retained for 5 years.

G.2. Confidentiality

Ballots are confidential; only winners are disclosed.

H. Practical Workflow

- **Jury Access:** The jury receives film details, age proof, and screener links.
- **Evaluation:** The jury assesses directorial vision and skill.
- **Verification:** The Committee confirms the director's identity and age.
- **Award Assignment:** If verified, the award is granted; if not, the submission is disqualified.
- **Announcement:** Winners are announced publicly (e.g., "Best Young Director awarded to [Director] for [Film Title]").

Approved by the Organizing Committee

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