

Follow Your Heart FILM FESTIVAL

International Film Festival "Follow Your Heart"

Supplemental Guidelines for Best Student Film 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 Student Film Award.

The award recognizes a film (feature or short) directed by a student enrolled in an accredited educational institution at the time of production.

B. Evaluation Format

B.1. Open Evaluation

The jury receives:

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

B.2. Transparency

All relevant information is provided to evaluate the film's quality relative to the student's experience.

C. Submission Requirements

C.1. Complete Submission

Submissions must include:

- A credited student director listed in the final credits.
- Proof of enrollment (e.g., letter from the institution).
- A complete screener of the film.

C.2. Incomplete Submissions

If credits or enrollment 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 Student Status

The Committee verifies the director’s student status and credits via:

- Final film credits.
- Enrollment 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 film, with credits to the student director.

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, enrollment proof, and screener links.
- **Evaluation:** The jury assesses quality relative to student experience.
- **Verification:** The Committee confirms student status and credits.
- **Award Assignment:** If verified, the award is granted; if not, the submission is disqualified.
- **Announcement:** Winners are announced publicly (e.g., “Best Student Film awarded to [Film Title], directed by [Student Director]”).

Approved by the Organizing Committee

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