



2020 SANTA FE INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL Submission FAQs

How do I enter a film for the 2020 Festival?

You can enter one of two ways:

- Apply via FilmFreeway (Filmfreeway.com)
- Download and fill out the online application. Mail that with the required materials to:
Santa Fe Independent Film Festival
418 Montezuma Avenue, Suite 22
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Do you offer submission fee waivers?

Yes. New Mexico students may submit their short films for free through June 3rd, 2020. New Mexico (non-student) filmmakers may receive a discount by contacting jena@SantaFeIndependent.com. For other submission fee waiver inquiries, also contact: jena@SantaFeIndependent.com for more information.

I live in a country that does not allow money to be sent to the United States. Will SFiFF waive my submission fee?

Contact: jena@SantaFeIndependent.com for more information.

Does SFiFF consider films from any country?

Yes. SFiFF screens films from throughout the world, as well as films from the United States.

If my film is accepted for the Festival, do I need to be in attendance?

No. Attendance is recommended, but not required.

I live outside of Santa Fe. If my film is selected for the Festival, will SFiFF cover my travel and accommodations?

It depends. SFiFF does cover some travel and/or accommodations expenses. Please submit your requests early.

Will SFiFF screen my film if it has been screened elsewhere?

Yes. SFiFF requires a New Mexico premiere status in most cases. Please note that you should notify the SFiFF office about any public screenings, including, but not limited to Festival screenings prior to the October Festival. Films that have previously been made publicly available (including online) may not be considered.

When will I be notified if my film has been selected?



Filmmakers will be notified within ample time to make travel arrangements.

Does SFiff accept submissions on BluRay or DVD?

No.

Am I allowed to submit more than one film?

Yes. You can submit as many films as you like. However, each film requires a separate submission form and fee.

Are student films eligible for the 2020 Festival?

Yes. See the Official Rules and Guidelines for further information.

Do I need to meet a minimum age requirement to submit a film?

No. SFiff does not have a minimum age requirement for film submissions.

Can I submit a newer cut of my film after I've already submitted an earlier version?

Yes. As long as it is a significantly different version of the earlier submission and what has changed is specified in the submission notes.

I submitted my film last year and it was not selected. Can I re-submit it for the 2020 Festival?

Yes. You can re-submit a film that was not selected for a previous Festival provided that significant changes were made and all eligibility requirements are met. When re-submitting, please include a letter detailing the changes made.

What if my contact information changes once I have submitted a film?

Please contact SFiff to notify us of such changes.

How many films will be selected for the 2020 Festival?

The number of films selected for the Festival varies from year to year. It depends on the quantity and quality of submitted films.

Will I be notified if my film has been received?

You may contact SFiff to find out if the Festival received your submission: contact@santafeindependent.com or (505) 349-1414.

Will my materials be returned to me?

Materials submitted for the SFiff will not be returned unless requested. In such case, you are responsible for the return costs.



Does SFiFF own the rights to my film if it is selected for the Festival?

No. You retain all submission and intellectual property rights.

If my film is not chosen for the Festival, who can I contact for feedback?

Unfortunately, due to the volume of submissions, we are unable to give individual feedback on non-selected films.

I have submitted an online screener, do I need to send a dvd copy?

No.

What are the submission categories for the 2019 Festival?

Animated

SFiFF accepts animated film submissions from anywhere in the world.

Documentary

Documentaries may originate from anywhere in the world and may be of any length or subject.

International

Films originating outside the United States or films receiving 50% or more of its funding from sources outside of the United States.

Indigenous

Films that have a content that originates from an indigenous artistic team, or indigenous in subject matter from anywhere in the world.

Narrative Feature

Features may run between 45 minutes and 4 1/2 hours. To have a longer film considered, please contact SFiFF.

Narrative Short

SFiFF accepts shorts from 1-44 minutes in length from anywhere in the world.

New Mexican

Films must originate from or be filmed in New Mexico.

Experimental Shorts

SFiFF accepts shorts from 1-44 minutes in length from anywhere in the world.

Virtual Reality (VR) Shorts

SFiFF accepts Virtual Reality films from 1-15 minutes in length from anywhere in the world.

Are the submission categories the same as the competition categories?

No. The competition categories are:

Audience Choice Best Short

Audience Choice Best Narrative Feature



Audience Choice Best Documentary Feature
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Best Narrative Short
Best Narrative Feature
Best New Mexico Short
Best New Mexico Narrative Feature
Best New Mexico Documentary Feature
Best Animated Short
Best Experimental Short