



2019 SANTA FE INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL Submission FAQs

How do I enter a film for the 2019 Festival?

You can enter one of two ways:

- Apply via Without a Box (withoutabox.com) or 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

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.

Are the submission categories the same as the competition categories?

No. The competition categories are:

Audience Choice Best Short

Audience Choice Best Feature

Best Documentary Short

Best Documentary Feature

Best International Feature



- Best Narrative Short
- Best Narrative Feature
- Best New Mexico Short
- Best New Mexico Feature
- Best New Mexico Documentary
- Best Animated Short
- Best Experimental Short

When are the submission deadlines and what are entry fees?

DEADLINES

- Earlybird Deadline: March 4, 2019
- Regular Deadline: May 6, 2019
- Late Deadline: June 3, 2019
- Final Deadline: August 1, 2019

ENTRY FEES

Early Deadline:

- Shorts: \$30
- VR Shorts: \$35
- Features: \$35
- Student Short (with valid school ID or a letter verifying current enrollment): \$25
- Student Feature (with valid school ID or a letter verifying current enrollment): \$30

Regular Deadline:

- Shorts: \$45
- VR Shorts: \$50
- Features: \$60
- Student Short (with valid school ID or a letter verifying current enrollment): \$25
- Student Feature (with valid school ID or a letter verifying current enrollment): \$30

Late Deadline:

- Shorts: \$55
- VR Shorts: \$65
- Features: \$75

Final Deadline:

- Shorts: \$65
- VR Shorts: \$80
- Features: \$90



Are the deadlines “postmarked” deadlines or the date by which the material must be in the SFIFF office?

The deadlines are postmark deadlines, not the date by which the material must be in the office.

Do you offer submission fee waivers?

Yes. 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?

Yes. Contact: jena@SantaFeindependent.com for more information.

If I apply via Without A Box but never submitted a film, can I get a refund on the submission fee?

No. The submission fee is non-refundable.

Does SFIFF consider films from any country?

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

Does SFIFF accept submissions on BluRay or DVD?

Yes.

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

Yes. SFIFF does not have a premiere status requirement. 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. **New Mexico premiere status may affect a film’s chance of acceptance.**

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 2019 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 2019 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?

If you submitted via Without a Box, you can go to your account and update your information. Otherwise, contact SFIFF to notify us of such changes.

How many films will be selected for the 2019 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 not been received?

You may also contact SFIFF to find out if the Festival received your submission: contact@santafeindependent.com or (505) 349-1414. If you submit via Without a Box, you can check your status through the website.

Will my material 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.

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

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

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.

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.