



HILLIARD ARTS COUNCIL

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The Second Annual Hilliard Arts Council Short Film Festival - 2018

Hilliard Arts Council Short Film Festival is dedicated to entertaining the members of its community by showcasing the works of talented new and emerging independent filmmakers and further inspiring the creation of the arts.

Date: September 29, 2018

Time: 7 pm

Location: Hilliard Civic and Cultural Arts Center - 5425 Center Street, Hilliard OH 43026

Please direct all questions/queries to: HilliardArtsCouncil@gmail.com using '2018 HAC Short Film Festival' as the subject line.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

By submitting a short form video/film (hereinafter "**Film**") to **Hilliard Arts Council Short Film Festival** (hereinafter "**HACSFF**") for consideration in the 2018 short film competition ("**Competition**"), each person or team submitting the piece (hereinafter "**Applicant**") agrees to be bound by these rules and regulations ("**Rules and Regulations**").

FILM LENGTH:

As this festival focuses on short works, we require film lengths to be a **minimum** of three (3) minutes and a **maximum** of fifteen (15) minutes (including credits).

SUBMISSION CATEGORIES AND ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants may submit Films to **HACSFF** for consideration in one of the following categories:

- Action/Adventure
- Comedy
- Drama
- Documentary/Nonfiction
- Horror
- Music
- Sci-Fi

All films must meet and adhere to the commonly accepted film **ratings no more than PG-13**. Any material stronger than PG-13 will not be accepted. Decisions on whether a film meets commonly accepted film ratings are the sole discretion of the **Hilliard Arts Council** and the **HACSFF** organizers. All decisions are final.

- Films that have been submitted to our festival for consideration in previous years **are NOT eligible** for re-submission year to year unless that Film has been changed significantly since the previous year in

which it was submitted. **HACSFF** has the sole authority and discretion to determine whether a Film that was previously submitted has been changed significantly from the previously submitted version.

- Films that have been exhibited theatrically, broadcast on television, released via any home video or other distribution platform **are NOT eligible** for Festival consideration.

KEY DATES:

- The 2018 Competition takes place: **September 29, 2018**
- Official Deadline: Must be received by: **September 19, 2018 at 6 p.m. EST**

Please note that HACSFF will not view your film if it is received after September 19. For this reason, it is suggested that you make arrangements to deliver an electronic version of your film to us well in advance of the entry deadline! Please check with us if you have questions.

SUBMISSION FEES:

- Official Deadline: \$25

HACSFF is unable to provide fee waivers because the above fees cover costs and expenses in administering this Competition.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

EACH APPLICANT MUST ELECTRONICALLY SIGN AND SUBMIT THE 2018 HACSFF “APPLICANT CERTIFICATION STATEMENT”, WHICH IS SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME FORM AS EXHIBIT “A”, ATTACHED HERETO, BY WHICH APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT APPLICANT HAS READ THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND AGREES TO BE BOUND BY THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS, INCLUDING THE REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES BELOW AND THE INDEMNIFICATION PROVISIONS BELOW.

- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.
- Each Applicant must designate one person, 18 years of age or older, as their **Applicant Representative (“AR”)**, and no Applicant may have more than one AR.
- The AR will act for the Applicant in all communications with **HACSFF** regarding the Festival.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

- Applicants must complete the submission form and submit that form *along with payment of the submission fee* by the indicated dates to:

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- Submissions that arrive without payment cannot be accepted.
- Please make checks payable to the: **Hilliard Arts Council**
- **HACSFF** is not responsible for submissions that are lost, stolen, or damaged in transit.
- It is the sole responsibility of the Applicant (AR) to ensure the materials are in working order.
- Films must be provided in the highest possible quality in the following format(s):
 - o 720p or 1080p resolution
 - o mp4, h.264 encoding

- o stereo audio
- o It can be sent in via USB thumb drive or submitted by sharing a download link via Dropbox or another provider
- o Admissions can NOT be accepted via DVD or Youtube/Vimeo upload

CONTACT INFORMATION OF APPLICANTS:

- During the selection process, **HACSFF** will attempt to contact the Applicant using the contact information provided on the submission form to notify the Applicant of the Film’s acceptance status.
- **HACSFF** disavows any responsibility for, and will not be held responsible for, any failure to contact the Applicant using the contact information provided on the submission form. It is the sole responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that the contact information provided on the submission form is correct.

FESTIVAL SCREENINGS:

- Applicants acknowledge that **HACSFF** has the sole right to select the submissions that will be showcased or exhibited at the Festival and has the sole right to reject submissions.
- **HACSFF** reserves the non-exclusive right to screen and showcase all submitted films and or portions of submitted films during the 2018 Festival.

PUBLICITY:

- By submitting a Film into the **HACSFF**, Applicants permit **HACSFF** and Festival sponsors, and their respective parent, subsidiary, and affiliate companies, and administrative, advertising, and promotion agencies, and any other entity involved in the development, administration, promotion, or implementation of the Festival (“**Festival Entities**”) to use Applicants’ names, likenesses, images, photographs, voices, biographical information, title of the Film submitted, the Film’s logline, Deliverables, and the Competition results for advertising, publicity and promotional purposes in any media or format now or hereafter known, without compensation, permission, or notification.

PRIZES:

- **HACSFF** judges will critically view each film and select winners in the following categories:
 - o First - \$250
 - o Second - \$150
 - o Third - \$100
- There will also be a **PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD** (\$100) chosen by audience ballot by those in attendance.
- The winners will be formally announced and prizes awarded at the close of the Festival.
- Additional prizes and/or certificates may or may not be presented at the discretion of **HACSFF**.

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES:

- Applicant represents and warrants that (a) he/she/it has the full right, power, legal capacity, and authority to license to **HACSFF** the Film’s rights for the purpose of exhibition at the Festival and to license clips of the Film and publicity photos to the Festival Entities’ for advertising the Festival for no compensation to Applicant or any third party; (b) the Film, and all parts thereof, does not violate any third party’s copyright or other intellectual property or other rights and does not violate any individual’s right of privacy or publicity; (c) the Film, and all parts thereof, is in compliance with any and all relevant laws, rules, regulations, whether state, federal, international, local, and those imposed by any union, guild, or labor organization; (d) Applicant will not submit to **HACSFF** the Film and/or any parts thereof (including but not limited to trailers, clips, publicity photos, loglines, summaries) if such

materials violate any third party rights and/or any laws; (e) if any third party fees become due such as union or guild fees, then Applicant will pay for such fees and costs.

INDEMNIFICATION:

- Applicant agrees to release, hold harmless and indemnify **HACSFF** from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, cost and expense, and causes of action (however named or described) with respect to or arising out of (i) Applicants' Film, (ii) Applicant's participation in the Competition or in any Competition-related activity; or (iii) any breach or alleged breach, or claim by a third party with respect to any warranty, representation or agreement made by the Applicant.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

Entrant expressly acknowledges and agrees that the **HACSFF** shall be entitled to injunctive or other equitable relief ("Relief") to restrain, prevent or enjoin any breach of this agreement by Applicant, and the Applicant hereby waives any right to notice of any action or proceeding for a Relief and consents to and accepts entry of an order of Relief in any court which may have jurisdiction in connection therewith. The prevailing party in any legal proceeding brought pursuant hereto shall be entitled to recover all of its outside attorneys' fees and all other costs related to such a legal proceeding. Unless otherwise stated herein, this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the United States and the State of Ohio (without regard to the conflicts of law provisions thereof), and the contestant hereby submits to the jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located in Franklin County, Ohio.

For any questions regarding submissions to the competition, please email: HilliardArtsCouncil@gmail.com

HACSFF may add to or amend these Rules and Regulations at any time. You are advised to repeatedly consult www.HilliardArtsCouncil.org to review the latest rules.

These Rules and Regulations were last updated on March 1, 2018.

EXHIBIT "A"

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

(this form is required to be executed and submitted with your submitted Film)

I, _____, the Applicant/Applicant Representative for the
film currently titled _____ ("Film"), hereby certifies the following:

1. I have full rights to enter into this Agreement with **HACSFF**
2. I have read the Rules; I agree to abide by the Rules; and the Film complies with the Rules.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Film Category/Genre: _____

Production Company/Group Name: _____

Other Group Members:

Mail this application with entry fee (make checks payable to Hilliard Arts Council) and your film to:

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**Any terms not defined in this applicant certification statement ("Applicant Certification Statement") shall be defined by the terms ascribed in the 2018 Rules and Regulations.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **DO YOU GRANT FEE WAIVERS?**

No.

- **CAN MY FILM BE SHORTER THAN 3 MINUTES OR LONGER THAN 15?**

No. In the spirit of fairness to other filmmakers, we are very strict on our times. Credits are included in the length. If your film is a little over, we suggest trimming the credits. The same applies to music videos.

- **WHEN WILL I FIND OUT IF MY FILM HAS BEEN CHOSEN?**

We will let all filmmakers know one week prior to the Festival date.

- **WHAT IF MY FILM ISN'T QUITE FINISHED, CAN I STILL ENTER?**

We prefer projects that are fully completed. Please contact us to discuss.

- **WHEN DO ENTRIES CLOSE?**

The final deadline for 2018 is **September 19, 2018**.

Entry deadlines for 2019 will be announced soon.