



Third Annual "Look at Us" Yuba-Sutter" Short Film Festival Film Festival 2023 Guidelines

Objective

The Third Annual *Look At Us, Yuba-Sutter! Short Film Festival* is sponsored by Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture, encouraging Yuba-Sutter community members to show off the art of film making. *Look At Us, Yuba-Sutter!* participants will have a chance to showcase their scriptwriting, audio, camera, lighting and set design skills all necessary for effective storytelling.

Rules

All communication for the festival will be via email to email@yubasutterarts.org.

1. All films must be no longer than 12 minutes or 13 minutes including titles.
2. There is a limit of 2 film submissions per person.
3. The principal photography for each film must have been done in Yuba and/or Sutter Counties.
4. Participant categories: Student (7th – 12th grades + college students), Amateur, Professional.
5. All entries must be considered family friendly (PG-13).
6. Any film not produced in English must have English subtitles added to the film.
7. All persons appearing in your film must fill out a release form to be turned in with your film. Forms are available by going to the second page of the application. The Application can be found at the yubasutterarts.org website.
8. By submitting an entry, the contestants, (and their parents where applicable) grant Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture the right to publish submitted films in part or whole in any medium and affirm that they have digital or written consent for all participants who appear in the film.
9. Music and images used must be credited and must have proof of permission if copyrighted. Crediting does not automatically permit you the legal use of copyright protected material! You are personally responsible for all music and image content.
10. All films must be uploaded to our Google Drive. Email you application to email@yubasutterarts.org by September 9, 2023 by 11:59pm PST. You will receive a link to your own folder within 72 hours for you to submit your film, which must be submitted by September 11, 2023.

Film Entry Process

Film Entry deadline is September 11, 2023

1. By September 11, 2023, upload your film to your folder on our Google Drive. All films must be submitted in a MP4 Format. Entries will be accepted until September 11, 2023, by 11:59pm PST.
2. Late or incomplete downloads or submissions (after 9/11/23 after 11:59pm PST) will not be accepted for awards but may be shown if space is available.



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- Films may include genres such as animation, documentary/mockumentary, scripted, music video, etc. No vlogs will be accepted.

Film Entries

- Film Maker Categories**
 - Student (7th – 12th grades + college students)
 - Amateur
 - Professional

Awards

Each Film Maker Category will have a first, second and third place award assuming there are sufficient entries. Awards will be presented at the Awards Gala at the end of the Film Festival screening on September 16, 2023.

- Awards**
 - 1st Place: \$200
 - 2nd Place: \$100
 - 3rd Place: \$50

Additional Awards

- ★ People's Choice Award - Films receiving the most popular votes: \$100.
The People's Choice Award goes to the film receiving the greatest number of popular votes cast during the event. *Voting is limited to one vote per person. The people's Choice Award will be given at the Awards Gala at the end of the Film Festival.*
- ★ Judge's Choice Award – Film receiving the highest judges votes overall: \$100.

How the Films Will Be Judged

- Story - engaging, interesting, purposeful
- Audio - clear, comfortable levels
- Acting - prepared, in character
- Camera - angles, focus
- Lighting - no unintended dark or light issues
- Editing – thoughtful transitions from scene to scene
- Music - mood, ambiance - Music must not violate US Copyright protections

Helpful Information

Legal sources for copyright safe music

- APM (formerly Omni Music)
- Soundzaboung
- Free Music Archive
- YouTube Audio Library
- Public Domain Music