



Malta Youth Film Festival 2021 Fourth edition

Submission guidelines

The Malta Youth Film Festival (MYFF) is organized by Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ and the Malta Film Foundation. It forms part of the Malta Film Foundation's artistic programme. The festival is also supported by the Malta Film Commission and the Parliamentary Secretariat for Youth, Sport and Voluntary Organisations.

Eligibility

Submissions can be made by individuals or groups whose ages range between 16 and 30 years on the closing date of applications. In the case of applicants 16-17 years, consent forms signed by the applicants' parents/legal guardians need to be presented. Applicants must be Maltese citizens or have Maltese residence permits.

Genre

The festival is open to all film genres including animation, drama, thriller, music video, documentary and others. Adverts and/or Public Service Announcements are not eligible.

Applicant/s

The primary contact submitting the entry form must be authorized to submit the film for the Malta Youth Film Festival on behalf of all members of the group. It is essential that the application is filled in accurately. The organizers of the Malta Youth Film Festival cannot be held responsible if there are errors on the application or if the titles of the films on the application and film do not match.

Duration

The maximum duration of the films is 10 minutes including the credits. There is no minimum duration.

Language

The film can be in Maltese or English.

Synopsis

A synopsis of the film, including the genre/s it falls into must be clearly stated on the Entry Form.

Repeat entries

Submissions can also include films which have already participated in other festivals. However, this will not be mentioned when the film is screened or streamed. Prospective film makers should note that they can participate in future editions of this festival again with new projects, but the same film cannot be submitted to the Malta Youth Film Festival twice. Applicants may also submit more than one film in the same edition of the festival.

Selection and notification

The complete list of finalists will also be posted on the websites of the Malta Film Foundation www.maltafilmfoundation.com and Agenzija Zghazagh <https://youth.gov.mt/>. The shortlisted finalists will also be notified in writing via electronic mail.

Publicity

The festival organisers reserve non-exclusive rights to show the shortlisted films free-of-charge online on the festival website. The stills, synopses and clips/trailers may be used for publicity on print, television and the web. The shortlisted entrants may use the stills, synopses and/or clips/trailers of their submissions on social network sites to create interest in the festival.

Voting

The shortlisted films will be judged by a jury in accordance with the following criteria:

- storytelling quality
- technical direction
- creativity and originality of concept

- acting skills
- audience engagement

There will be 7 categories:

1. Best script
2. Best direction
3. Most original concept
4. Best actor
5. Best cinematography
6. Best picture
7. Public choice award, where voting will take place via the festival website www.maltafilmfoundation.com.

The organisers reserve the right to refrain from awarding any of the above categories if the judges feel that the submissions do not meet the quality standards expected.

Winners and Prizes

Award winners will be announced during a screening final which will be held in May 2021. All applicants will receive an invite to be present for the Awards Ceremony at least 2 weeks in advance.

Certificates and trophies will be awarded to the respective winners.

The winner/s of the Best Picture will receive:

- a prize of EUR 500

If the winners of the Best Picture are aged between 18 – 26, they will also be offered:

- The chance for 2 young people to take part in the Nordic Youth Film Festival which will be held in Tromsø - Norway (If a face-to-face event will be held, this will include flight and accommodation expenses. Dates to be announced at a later stage). Participation in the Nordic Youth Film Festival is only open to young people between 18 and 26.
- If the winners of the Best Picture are not eligible for participation in the Nordic Youth Film Festival, the organisers reserve the right to award this prize to another entry based on the recommendation of the festival judges.

Promotional material

Promotional stills and clips/trailers are to be included with every submission. They can be sent via email. Confirmation of receipt will be sent to all applicants.

Submission Formats

Stills

File Format : Jpeg

DPI: (Dots Per Inch): Minimum 300

Image Size : Minimum 5cm width

Image size (inclusion in press campaign) minimum 15cm width

No jpegs compressed from other websites

Films and clips/trailers

Submissions must be sent for pre-selection in one of the following media/formats:

- We transfer sent to agenzija.zghazagh@gov.mt
- USB

Film format preferably .mp4, but other formats such as .mov and .avi will be considered.

All submissions shall be retained by the Festival Organizers for archive purposes, and will not be returned.

Submission procedure

Signed Entry Forms, together with the relevant enclosures can be submitted by email to agenzija.zghazagh@gov.mt or handed in personally at:

Aġenzija Żgħażaġh
Triq il-Kbira San Guzepp
Santa Venera SVR 1013

Closing date

The closing date of submissions is Monday 22nd March 2021.

Privacy Policy

The Malta Youth Film Festival forms part of Agenzija Zghazagh's Empowerment Programme. All submissions received are non-returnable and will be retained for a period of 5 years from the closing date for administration and auditing purposes in accordance with our GDPR Policy, which can be accessed from our website on https://youth.gov.mt/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/AZ_Data_Protection_Privacy_Policy.pdf?e4b9cf&e4b9cf

Agenzija Zghazagh and the Malta Film Foundation shall ensure that any processing of personal data is in accordance with regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation), the Data Protection Act (Chapter 586 of the Laws of Malta) and any other relevant European Union and national law.

Contact details

For further information, kindly contact:

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Further details about this event will be announced on the websites of the respective organisers and other public media.

