



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What does it cost to enter?**

There is no fee to submit your film to the contest.

### **When is the contest deadline?**

The deadline to enter is April 15, 2018, or once we receive 1,500 total entries – whichever comes first.

### **What types of films are you looking for?**

We are looking for inspiring and creative short films, up to 10 minutes, across the following genres: action/adventure, comedy, documentary, drama, experimental, horror, sci-fi, and thriller. All films submitted must be in English.

For our 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the contest, we're seeking the following types of films:

- 360 Cinematic Video
- Films shot on mobile (e.g. using smartphone, tablet, or drone(s)).
- CGI/Animated short films
- Standard 2D short films

### **Are there any exclusions?**

The entry must not contain any content or material that is lewd, obscene, sexually explicit, pornographic, disparaging, defamatory, libelous, obscene, violent, racist, derogatory of any ethnic, racial, gender, religious, professional or age group or otherwise inappropriate or objectionable, as determined by the Judges and/or Sponsor in their sole and absolute discretion.

### **Can I enter more than one short film?**

The contest is limited to one short film submission per entrant.

### **What is the maximum length of short film that will be accepted?**

Short films must be no longer than 10 minutes in length – all in (including credits).

**What submission formats do you accept?**

All projects must be submitted via .mp4 format. All films submitted must be shot at a minimum of 1080p resolution.

**Can you provide feedback on my film?**

Due to the number of submissions, we unfortunately cannot provide feedback on any entries.

**Who can submit?**

Please refer to the Official Rules for full eligibility requirements. Entrants must be residents of the United States, and of majority age.

**May I submit my project as a “rough cut?”**

No – all submissions must be completed films.

**How are films judged?**

Our panel of judges will evaluate eligible submissions based on four criteria, including 1) Creativity & Originality, 2) Entertainment Value, 3) Characterization and 4) Production Value.

**When will winners be notified?**

Finalists and winners will be notified on May 9, 2018 following the judging phase.

**Technical Guidelines – what requirements do I need to be aware of when making my film?**

- All individuals who appear in the short film must sign a release
- All locations that are used in short film must have location owner clearance
- Any music included in the short film must either be original compositions and/or music selected from rights-cleared music.
- Executed release forms will be required if selected as finalist in competition.

**Trademarked Logos or Copyrighted Material in Films**

- Filmmakers should avoid any trademarked names or logos of images appearing in their shorts.