

NATIONAL YOUTH FILM AWARDS 2019

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

ELIGIBILITY

MEDIA STUDENT CATEGORY

1. Who can participate in this category?

The Media Student Category is open to:

- a. full-time student(s) who are between the ages of 15-35 (before 31 December 2019);
- b. who is/are residing in Singapore;
- c. and is/are currently enrolled in a media-related course/module at any Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) in Singapore.
- d. IHL graduates (between 17 April 2018 and 31 May 2019) from the above media-related course/modules are also eligible to participate

Submissions must be produced between 01 Jan 2018 and 31 May 2019 during the course of enrolment at the IHL.

Submissions produced during attachment and/or internship period within an organisation or agency will not be eligible to participate.

2. What are the works qualified to submit for the NYFA 2019 Media Student Category?

Only Live Action, Animation, Documentary films are accepted for submission. Experimental films and music videos can be submitted under the Live Action category.

3. What are media-related course/modules?

A media-related course/module includes (but not limited to) the following fields: Acting, Animation, Cinematography, Directing, Producing, Documentary Filmmaking, Production Design, Screenwriting, Sound Design, Sound Mixing, Video Production, Video & Sound Editing and Visual Effects.

4. Can I submit works that I produced during my internship?

Entries must be produced during the course the Applicant's enrolment. Entries produced during an attachment and/or internship period with an organisation or agency will not be eligible for submission.

5. Will works that are outsourced to a company or individual for completion be qualified for entry?

Other than professional actor(s) engagement, the Applicant will be required to disclose in the submission form should the submission be outsourced to a company or professional individual(s) for completion or enhancement.

A submission may be disqualified from the corresponding award it is being considered for (e.g. post-production, sound design, visual effects, etc.) should the work be outsourced to a company or professional individual(s) for completion or enhancement.

6. Who can submit an entry?

A submission may be done by a student representative (on behalf of team members). Course Manager or Supervising Lecturer of the film may also submit online.

7. Who is eligible to be nominated?

All nominees must be undertaken by student(s) who are between the ages of 15-35 and is/are currently enrolled in a media-related course/module at any Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) in Singapore

8. What are the new changes for NYFA 2019 compared to last year?

The award structure has been revised. More details are explained in the Selection Process segment.

There are now 13 awards presented in the Media Student Category (including Best Actor and Best Actress) compared to 16 for last year.

9. What are all the awards that I can submit for the Media Student Category?

You can make your submission for the following award categories:

1. Best Sound Design
2. Best Art Direction
3. Best Editing
4. Best Screenplay
5. Best Cinematography
6. Best Director
7. Best Original Music
8. Best Actor
9. Best Actress
10. Best Documentary
11. Best Animation
12. Best Live Action

The Best Overall School award is not open for submission. The winner will be selected based on the most number of nominations against the total number of submissions.

10. Who can compete in the Best Actor and Best Actress Awards?

The award is applicable to an actor or actress under the age of 35 (before 31 December 2019) and resides in Singapore during the time when the film is being produced. Only talents in live action films are eligible.

ELIGIBILITY

OPEN YOUTH CATEGORY

1. Who can participate in this category?

The Open Youth Category is open to:

- i. any youths between the ages of 15-35 (as of 31 December 2019);
- ii. who is/are residing in Singapore.

Submissions must be produced between 01 Jan 2018 and 31 May 2019.

2. What are the works qualified to submit for the NYFA Open Youth Category?

Only Live Action, Animation, Documentary films are accepted for submission. Experimental films and music videos can be submitted under the Live Action category.

3. Is this category open for industry professionals, including freelancers?

Yes, industry professionals, including freelancers, are welcome to submit as long as they are under the age of 35 (as of 31 December 2019). However, submitted films must be produced in a non-commercial capacity. Branded content and commissioned works will be ineligible to enter.

4. Will works that are produced under a company, organisation, or agency be qualified for entry?

Any films that are made with the intent of sales and promotion of a product, service, or brand will not be accepted.

5. Who can submit an entry?

A submission may be done by the Producer or any representative of the film.

6. Who is eligible to be nominated?

All nominees must be undertaken by youths between the ages of 15-35 who is/are residing in Singapore.

7. What are the new changes for NYFA 2019 compared to last year?

The award structure has been revised. More details are explained in question 3 under the Selection Process segment.

There are now 12 awards presented in the Open Youth (including Best Actor and Best Actress) compared to 9 for last year.

The award categories in the Open Youth category have been increased to balance with those in the Media Student category, with the exception of the Best Overall School Award.

8. What are all the awards that I can submit for in the Open Youth Category?

You can make your submission for the following award categories:

1. Best Sound Design
2. Best Art Direction
3. Best Editing
4. Best Screenplay
5. Best Cinematography
6. Best Director
7. Best Original Music
8. Best Actor
9. Best Actress
10. Best Documentary
11. Best Animation
12. Best Live Action

9. Who can compete in the Best Actor and Best Actress Awards?

The award is applicable to an actor or actress under the age of 35 (before 31 December 2019) and resides in Singapore during the time when the film is being produced. Only talents in live action films are eligible.

SUBMISSION DETAILS (BOTH MEDIA STUDENT AND OPEN YOUTH CATEGORIES)

REQUIREMENTS & FORMATS

1. What is the minimum and maximum length of the short film to be qualified?

The duration of the short film has been extended up to 30 minutes including opening title and ending credits. The minimum length is 1 minute.

2. How many entries can I submit?

There is no limit in the number of entries that an eligible Applicant can submit.

3. Are there themes that the short films need to follow?

There are no themes for NYFA.

4. Is there a limit to the number of people in a team?

No. There is no maximum number of members in a team.

5. Can I enter a short film that is not in English Language?

You may enter a short film that is not in English Language. All non-English submissions must have English subtitles.

6. Can I enter a short film that is not completed?

Work in Progress will not be eligible for the competition.

7. How can I proceed to submit an entry?

All submissions are required to be uploaded onto the platforms as listed in the online submission form. Both the URL and password (if any) must be provided. The format requirements are:

Container Format:	QuickTime (.mov)
Codec:	H.264
Aspect Ratio:	16:9 (16:9 letterbox or pillar box if film is in another native aspect ratio)
Resolution:	1920 x 1080 PROGRESSIVE
Frame Rate:	24 or 25 FPS only
Audio:	Stereo Channels, AAC codec, 48kHz sample rate
Maximum Duration:	30 minutes including opening title and closing credits

8. What are the materials required for submission by the Applicants or Shortlisted Nominees?

Upon request, the Applicants would be required to submit ungraded raw footages, original screenplay or storyboard to facilitate the jury process. Shortlisted Nominees will also be required to submit a soft copy of the submitted film.

9. Can I submit a film that has been submitted to other film competition(s)?

Yes, you can. NYFA is a non-exclusive platform. Films that were submitted for other film competitions (within or outside Singapore) are still eligible for submission.

10. Can I submit my film for another film competition after submitting to NYFA?

Yes, you can.

FEES

1. Do I have to pay a fee in order to participate?

There are no entry fees required to participate in the NYFA.

DEADLINE

1. When is the deadline for submission?

Submission for NYFA closes at **2359hrs (GMT +8) on Friday, 31 May 2019.**

SELECTION PROCESS

1. Who are the jury members?

Please refer to the NYFA website (www.scape.sg/nyfa/jury) for more information.

2. How is the judging process like?

All submissions will go through a rigorous selection process by a jury panel consisting of industry professionals to shortlist the nominees for each category.

3. Is the selection process different from last year's?

Yes, the selection process is different from last year's.

In this year's selection process, the Jury will shortlist the top 21 films from each Media Student and Open Youth category comprising 7 Live Action, 7 Documentary and 7 Animation short films.

All 21 films will qualify as nominees for 7 technical and creative awards:

- i. Best Director
- ii. Best Cinematography
- iii. Best Sound Design
- iv. Best Editing
- v. Best Art Direction
- vi. Best Screenplay
- vii. Best Original Music

4. What is the selection process for the Best Actor and Best Actress categories?

There will be a total of 14 shortlisted Live Action films from the Media Student and Open Youth categories (7 films from each category).

Nominees for these 2 categories will be shortlisted from these 14 Live Action films.

NOMINATION & AWARDS CEREMONY

1. Will the submitted film be considered for all award categories?

A submission may be considered for relevant category(s) at the Jury's discretion.

2. When will I know if my submitted film has been selected?

Shortlisted Nominees will be contacted at a later date via the contact details as provided in the Online Application Form.

3. Will the Shortlisted Nominees be screened to the public?

Shortlisted Nominees' films will **NOT** have a public screening. The Organizers reserve the right to screen them at future events, with the mutual consent of the Applicant.

4. What are the prizes for the winners?

Please refer to the NYFA website (<https://www.scape.sg/nyfa/prizes-categories>) for more information.

5. When is the NYFA Awards Ceremony?

The NYFA Awards Ceremony is a by-invitation-only event which will be held on **Saturday, 31 August 2019**. More details will be released at a later date.

6. Will the finalists be required to attend the NYFA Awards Ceremony?

All winners will be announced during the Awards Ceremony on **Saturday, 31 August 2019**. The nominees will be contacted prior to the day of the Awards Ceremony via the contact details provided in the Online Application Form.

Shortlisted Nominees would be required to attend the Awards Ceremony.

7. How many awards will be presented at the NYFA Awards Ceremony?

There will be a total of 24 awards presented, including the new Youth Inspiration Award.

SPECIAL AWARD – NYFA YOUTH INSPIRATION AWARD

1. What is the Youth Inspiration Award?

The Youth Inspiration Award is presented to recognise and honour young industry professionals who have made exemplary contributions towards shaping a distinct, vibrant filmmaking industry in Singapore. This highlights a role model for young filmmakers to aspire to be.

2. What is the criteria for the Youth Inspiration Award?

Nominees must be Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents of Singapore, and must be 35 years or below on 31 December 2019.

He/she should have demonstrated the following in the course of their filmmaking journey:

- Artistic excellence and commitment, manifest through a distinctive body of film works
- Exceptional, ongoing contribution in shaping the development of film industry in Singapore
- Good standing and recognition locally and/or internationally
- Potential for continued excellence and ability to be an inspiration and role model to emerging film practitioners in Singapore

3. How can I apply for the Youth Inspiration Award?

The Youth Inspiration Award is not open for application. The nominee has to fulfill the above criteria and be shortlisted by SGIFF and *SCAPE.

OTHERS

1. Are there events that are open to public?

Yes, there are. The NYFA Conference will be held from 29 to 31 March. This is open for all youths to attend, free-of-charge. Various topics such as directing, producing, stunt choreography and story boarding will be covered through a series of panel discussions, workshops and talks. Participants will get to hear personal stories from industry speakers like film producer Raymond Phathanavirangoon.

More details will be released at a later date on the NYFA website (www.scape.sg/nyfa/events).

2. I am facing some difficulties while completing the online submission form. Who can I contact?

You can contact us at nyfa@scape.sg.