



The Fine Print: *(please read carefully and acknowledge on the submission form)*

What we're looking for: Overlea ArtsFest specializes in art and film by new & emerging talent, meaning filmmakers who are not yet well-known and not yet making their main living by their film work. However, we require that submissions be well executed, professionally presented and of good quality. We do not look for or favor any particular style or genre, and welcome all forms of creative expression. Any filmmaker 16 years or older, and of any ethnic background, gender expression, faith or culture may submit. Due to the family atmosphere of our event, no film of an overtly violent, sexual or pornographic nature will be accepted. **We value originality of vision and uniqueness of approach above all.**

Judging criteria: The film curator will determine which films are accepted for competition into the juried show. The jury panel will determine the final winners of the show based on their scores. The jury panel is comprised of experienced professionals in their specific creative fields. They follow an internationally accepted protocol for evaluating artistic excellence in film. Our film judging criteria are accessible at the end of the submission form.

Extra submissions: Each artist is allowed to submit only 3 films. If extra films are submitted, the filmmaker will be notified that the entries are considered disqualified until the filmmaker resubmits the proper number of entries. **Send only your best work.**

Prizes & awards: First place winner will receive a 'Best in Show' certificate and a check for \$100. The second place winner will receive a 'Second Place' certificate and a check for \$50. A 'Third Place' certificate will be awarded to the third place winner. In the event of a large number of strong entries, the jurors may decide to award one or more 'Honorable Mention' certificates to acknowledge them. Winners will be announced in the week following the screening event.

People's Choice awards: There will also be a People's Choice 'Best in Show' and 'Second Place' certificate given to the top two winners, as voted on by the screening event attendees and online viewers. Winners will be announced in the week following the event.

Eligibility of film submissions: Any film that has been previously submitted to the Overlea ArtsFest Juried Short Film-Fest is not eligible for submission to a later Overlea ArtsFest event. However, any films that have been screened, purchased, submitted into other film festivals or are currently being shown in any way, ARE eligible to participate if there is no legal agreement prohibiting them from doing so.

Liability: Overlea ArtsFest Inc., Holt Park & Center for the Arts, Baltimore County and the Overlea Community Association are not responsible for any loss or damages resulting from the promotion and screening of your film at the ArtsFest event or in its media. It is the responsibility of the filmmaker or representative submitting the film to provide approved screening copies and complete information on the role of each participant in the film project.