

Overlea ArtsFest 2025 Juried Short Film Festival – Criteria for Judging

All submissions will be judged on the originality and quality of execution in the criteria listed below for their categories.

Criteria for Short Films – 1 minute to 30 minutes in length

Genres: Narrative Shorts, Documentary Shorts, Animated Shorts, Experimental Shorts, and Musical Shorts

- Script – compelling story, quality of writing
- Cinematography – beauty/strength of visuals, good use of point of view
- Use of Lighting – portrays mood and supports the story
- Effectiveness of Editing – supports pace of the film, maintains continuity
- Effective use of Sound – clean audio, balanced sound levels, good use of background music
- Originality and Vision – unique twist, concept or message; pushing boundaries