



'The Fine Print' for the Overlea ArtsFest/CCBC Short Film Festival

What we're looking for: We specialize in films by new & emerging talent, meaning filmmakers who are not yet well-known or making their main living by their film work. Students are always welcome, however, we require that submissions be **well executed, professionally presented and of good quality**. We do not 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-friendly atmosphere of our events, no film of an overtly violent, sexual or pornographic nature will be accepted.

Judging criteria: The curator will determine which films are accepted for competition. The jury panel will decide the final winners based on their scores, and their decisions are final. The 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 and on our Short Films web page. **All criteria are important, but we value originality of vision, uniqueness of approach and a good story above all.**

Judging Categories: Judges will choose the winners in 3 categories: Student Films, Emerging/Established Films and International Films. International Films winners will receive laurel certificates.

Prizes & awards: Each local or national first place winner will receive a laurel certificate and a check for \$100. Second place local or national winners will receive laurel certificates and a check for \$50. Third Place laurel certificates will also be awarded. In the event of a large number of strong entries, the jurors may decide to award one or more Honorable Mention laurel certificates. A special EDGE Award certificate and statue will also be given to the local or national film demonstrating the strongest impact across all judging criteria AND the most unique film approach. Winners will be announced at the end of the Sunday evening screening.

People's Choice awards: There will also be People's Choice 1st Place and 2nd Place laurel certificates awarded to the top winners, as voted on by the screening event attendees and online viewers. People's Choice winners will be announced at the end of the online voting period. Certificates will be emailed to winners.

Eligibility of film submissions: Films that have already been screened, distributed, submitted to other film festivals or are currently being shown in some way, ARE STILL ELIGIBLE to participate if there is no prior legal agreement prohibiting them from doing so. However, any film that has been previously submitted to the Overlea ArtsFest Short Film Festival is not eligible for submission to a later Overlea ArtsFest event.

Liability and rights of event organizers: Overlea ArtsFest, Inc. and CCBC reserve the right to feature jury-selected and winning films on our websites, share them on our social media, and screen them in our public festival events. If your film has restricted access because of current distribution contracts, you must notify us at the time of submission and explain the nature and time frame of the restriction, which may affect your film's eligibility. Overlea ArtsFest Inc., CCBC and Baltimore County are not responsible for any loss or damages resulting from the promotion and screening of your film at our film screening events or in our media. It is the responsibility of the filmmaker (or submitting representative) to secure appropriate releases, provide approved screening copies, and list each major participant in the film project. The information given on the submission form will be considered final and accurate.