

2026 Overlea ArtsFest/CCBC Film Festival Awards

In the category of **Student Films**:

- People's Choice: "Pre-Kay" by Kyle Stateler, from CCBC Essex
- Honorable Mention: "The Skyward Sapphire Chase: A Frog's Rainbow Quest" by Weston Barber, from Southern New Hampshire University
- Third place: "Ploppy's Great Adventure" by Grace Morris, from UMBC
- Second place: "My Dog" by Caleb Whims, from MICA
- First place: "Sweet New Suit" by Ashton Feist, from New Mexico State University

In the category of **International Films**:

- People's Choice: "Machina" Adrian Kulawik, from Poland
- Honorable Mention: "Echoes of the Wild" by Shaz Bell, from New Zealand
- Third place: "In Half" by Jorge Morais Valee, from Spain
- Second place: "I went home, but" by Kuan Guo, from China
- First place: "Son" by Saman Hosseinpour, from Iran

In the category of **Emerging Professional Films**:

- People's Choice: "Sisterettes Magical Adventure" by Jay Moore-Johnson, from Ellicott City, MD
- Honorable Mention: "Saltwater Psalms" by Devin Nikki Thomas, from Washington, DC
- Third place: "Transition System" by Alexandra Garove, from Baltimore, MD
- Second place: "Parade Day" by Michael Schwartz & Hannah Oneda, from Baltimore, MD
- First place: "Roman Diaz, Como El Agua" by Onel Mulet, from Brooklyn, NY

EDGE Awards for the most unique and most compelling films in the show:

- International: "Son" by Saman Hosseinpour, from Iran
- United States: "Sweet New Suit" by Ashton Feist, from New Mexico State University