

NORWICH FILM FESTIVAL

11th Norwich Film Festival (Nov 2021)

Submission FAQs

Before your submission

Q: Can my film be screened somewhere else before the Norwich Film Festival?

A: Yes, although we do prefer films that have not been released to the public in the UK, including those released online, or shown on UK television prior to the festival. This does not include other film festivals, as we recognise the need for filmmakers to enter more than one competition.

Q: How old can my film be?

A: Your film should have been completed after January 1st 2018.

Q: I submitted my film last year. Can I submit the same film this year?

A: We will only accept previously selected films if they have been significantly altered. This does not guarantee selection again. Films that have been previously submitted but not selected may be re-entered, though this does not guarantee selection.

Q: Does your deadline refer to arrival or postage dates?

A: We only accept online submissions via www.filmfreeway.com, so deadline dates refer to the moment you submit online.

Your submission

Q: I am having problems submitting via Filmfreeway.com. Should I contact the Norwich Film Festival or the website?

A: Please contact Filmfreeway on support@filmfreeway.com.

Q: What screening formats does the Festival accept?

A: All submissions should be made online via the portal listed above, using their secure online screening methods. We do not accept postal or email submissions. Please see the Official Rules for our preferred codecs and methods of digital delivery.

Q: Can I send any press material for my film?

A: Please send digital press kits along with your submissions. If selected for the festival, we will include your digital press kit on our website and promote it via the usual social media outlets. We will also include the information in our printed programme. We may request printed materials (posters, postcards etc) to be displayed during the festival, but **do not send this unless asked**. Anything sent which has not been requested will be recycled.

Q: How much are the Festival fees?

A: Festival submission fees are posted on our website, and on our FilmFreeway festival page. Please refer to these to see how much your film will cost to submit. They are also listed in the Official Rules.

Q: Do you grant fee waivers?

A: Unfortunately, due to the high costs of running the Festival, we are currently unable to offer fee waivers, though we do hope this will change in the future. We do have heavily discounted submission fees for students and East Anglian filmmakers, however, and details of these can be found on our website or on our FilmFreeway festival pages.

After your submission

Q: What happens to my film once I have submitted?

A: Your film will be viewed by a minimum of four Norwich Film Festival programmers (usually more) on our Online Screening Committee. If you have been successful, we will aim to contact you by the middle of August.

Q: If my film is selected, when will I hear from you?

A: Successful filmmakers will be contacted around the middle of August to discuss the next steps.

Q: Will I hear from you if my film has not been selected?

A: We regret that due to the volume of submissions and our limited resources, we are only able to contact successful filmmakers and are unable to offer individual feedback. You will receive an automatic email of our decision.

Q: What further materials will you need from me?

A: You should have already included a digital press kit with submission. We will email you a list of any other things we require, as well as a deadline by which to provide them.

Q: Will I get to attend the festival?

A: We would love for as many filmmakers to attend the festival as possible, however we are unable to provide any financial assistance in this. Each film selected will be granted two free tickets to its screening for you and a friend to attend.

If you have any further questions regarding the submissions process, please email our Submissions Coordinator on submissions@norwichfilmfestival.co.uk.