



## **The Malta Youth Film Festival First edition**

### **Submission guidelines**

The Malta Youth Film Festival (MYFF) will be organized by the Malta Film Foundation, Agenzija Zghazagh and the Parliamentary Secretariat for Youth, Sport & Voluntary Organisations within the Ministry of Education and Employment. The festival forms part of the Malta Film Foundation's artistic programme supported by the Cultural Partnership Agreement through the Arts Council Malta.

### **Eligibility**

Submissions can be made by individuals or groups whose ages range between 16 and 30 years on the closing date of applications. In the case of applicants 16-17 years, a signed consent form for each applicant is also to be attached to the submission.

### **Genre**

The festival is open to all genres including animation, drama, thriller, music video, documentary and others. Adverts and/or Public Service Announcements are not eligible.

### **Applicant/s**

The primary contact submitting the entry form must be authorized to submit the film for consideration from all members of the group. It is essential that the application is filled in accurately. The organizers of the Malta Youth Film Festival cannot be held responsible if there are errors on the application or if the titles of the films on the application and film do not match.

### **Duration**

The maximum duration of the films is 10 minutes including the credits. There is no minimum duration.

## **Language**

The film can be in Maltese or English.

## **Synopsis**

A synopsis of the film, including the genre/s it falls into must be clearly stated on the Entry Form.

## **Repeat entries**

Submissions can also include films which have already participated in other festivals. However this will not be mentioned when the film is screened or streamed. Prospective film makers should note that they can participate in future editions of this festival again with new projects, but the same film cannot be submitted to the Malta Youth Film Festival twice. Applicants may also submit more than one film in the same edition of the festival.

## **Selection and notification**

Shortlisted finalists will be notified in writing via electronic mail. The complete list of finalists will also be posted on the websites of the Malta Film Foundation [www.maltafilmfoundation.com](http://www.maltafilmfoundation.com) and Agenzija Zghazagh [www.agenzijazghazagh.com](http://www.agenzijazghazagh.com).

## **Publicity**

The festival organisers reserve non-exclusive rights to show the shortlisted films free-of-charge online on the festival website. The stills, synopses and clips/trailers may be used for publicity on print, television and the web. The shortlisted entrants may use the stills, synopses and/or clips/trailers of their submissions on social network sites to create interest in the festival.

## **Voting**

The shortlisted films will be judged by a jury in accordance with the following criteria:

- storytelling quality
- technical direction
- creativity and originality of concept
- acting skills
- audience engagement

There will be 7 categories:

1. Best script

2. Best direction
3. Most original concept
4. Best Actor
5. Best Cinematography
6. Best Overall Film
7. Public Choice Award, where voting will take place via the festival website [www.maltafilmfoundation.com](http://www.maltafilmfoundation.com).

### **Winners**

The award winner will be announced during a screening final which will be held at the Salesians Theatre on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Certificates and trophies will be awarded to the respective winners, and a prize of Eur 500 will be given to the winner/s of the Best Overall Film.

### **Promotional material**

Promotional stills and clips/trailers are to be included with every submission. They can be sent via email or handed in separately on DVD or USB. Confirmation of receipt will be sent to all applicants.

### **Submission Formats**

#### **Stills**

File Format : Jpeg

DPI: (Dots Per Inch): Minimum 300

Image Size (Festival Brochure and Website Campaign): Minimum 5cm width

Image size (inclusion in press campaign) minimum 15cm width

No jpegs compressed from other websites

#### **Films and clips/trailers**

Submissions must be sent for pre-selection in one of the following media/formats:

- DVD
- We transfer
- USB

Film format preferably .mp4, but other formats such as .mov and .avi will be considered.

All submissions shall be retained by the Festival Organizers for archive purposes, and will not be returned.

## **Submission procedure**

Signed Entry Forms, together with the relevant enclosures can be submitted by email to [agenzija.zghazagh@gov.mt](mailto:agenzija.zghazagh@gov.mt) or handed in personally at:

Agenzija Zghazagh  
Triq il-Kbira San Guzepp  
Sta. Venera SVR 1013

## **Closing date**

The closing date of submissions is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## **Contact details**

For further information, kindly contact:

Agenzija Zghazagh – Tel. Nr. 22586743  
Malta Film Foundation – Tel. Nr. 99425594

An information session will be held at Agenzija Zghazagh to explain further the terms and conditions of this festival to interested parties. Further details about this event will be announced on the websites of the respective organisers and other public media.

## **Evaluation Session**

An Evaluation Session will be held post festival where all the festival submissions, including those that do not make it to the Awards Night can be discussed with the entrants to help them understand better how they qualified in terms of the evaluation criteria set for Malta Youth Film Festival.

