



Passaic County Film Festival 2012 Call for Entries - Entry Form

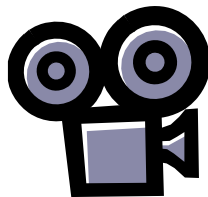
DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:

January 30, 2012 by 4:00 PM

FESTIVAL SCREENING DATE AND LOCATION:

April 14, 2012

**The Fabian 8 Theater
Center City Mall
301 Main Street – Upper Level
Main Street and Ward Street
Paterson, New Jersey**



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OVERVIEW: This the eighth year of the Passaic County Film Festival, a juried exhibition of student and independent filmmakers' work. The Festival will showcase a wide range of film projects created by students and independent filmmakers who live, attend school, or work in Passaic County.

OBJECTIVE: The objective of the Film Festival is to support student and independent film makers by providing a public forum in which to showcase their work and provide an opportunity to interact with members of the television and filmmaking community.

FILM AND VIDEO ENTRY CRITERIA: All entries must be the sole creative and technical effort of the individual(s) submitting the work. Films must be produced, directed, edited, etc. by High School Students, University Students or Independent Filmmakers only.

Film entries must be no more than 10 minutes in length. The following film categories apply: 1. General Short Film; 2. Public Service Announcement; 3. Documentary/Historical Film; 4. Music Video and one Grand Prize for the best film of the Festival. Entries will only be accepted from individuals who are enrolled in an educational institution in Passaic County, who live in Passaic County, or who work in Passaic County and **will not** be returned. No films will be accepted from the members of the Passaic County Film Commission or their immediate family.

Please note that the Passaic County Film Festival will accept films that adhere to the Motion Picture Association of America Ratings Board, Rating System for the following ratings: **General Audience, Parental Guidance Suggested and PG-13 Parents Strongly Cautioned. Some Material May be Inappropriate for Children under 13. Please note the attached description of these three ratings.** Any film or video containing R-rated material, nudity, graphic violence, or in the exclusive opinion of the Passaic County Film Festival Commission glamorizes drug use or drug references, or alcohol or cigarette consumption will not be accepted for screening.

THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE FOR THIS FESTIVAL. ADMISSION TO THE FESTIVAL ON APRIL 14, 2012 IS ALSO FREE.

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Acceptable Rating System for All Films

G: GENERAL AUDIENCES – All Ages Admitted. A G-rated motion picture contains nothing in theme, language, nudity, sex, violence or other matters that, in the view of the Film Commissioners, would offend parents whose younger children view the motion picture. Some snippets of language may go beyond polite conversation but they are common everyday expressions. No stronger words are present in G-rated motion pictures. Depictions of violence are minimal. No nudity, sex scene or drug-use is present in the motion picture.

PG: PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED – Some Material May Not Be Suitable for Children. The PG rating indicates, in the view of the Film Commissioners, that parents may consider some material unsuitable for their children. The more mature themes in some PG-rated motion pictures may call for parental guidance. There may be some profanity and some depictions of violence or brief nudity. But these elements are not deemed so intense as to require that parents be strongly cautioned beyond the suggestion of parental guidance. There is no drug use content in a PG-rated motion picture.

PG-13 – Parents Strongly Cautioned. Some Material May Be Inappropriate for Children Under 13. A PG-13 motion picture may go beyond the PG rating in theme, violence, nudity, sensuality, language, adult activities or other elements, but does not reach the restricted R category. Any drug use will initially require at least a PG-13 rating. More than brief nudity will require at least a PG-13 rating, but such nudity in a PG-13 rated motion picture generally will not be sexually oriented. There may be depictions of violence in a PG-13 movie, but generally not both realistic and extreme or persistent violence. A motion picture's single use of one of the harsher sexually derived words, though only as an expletive, initially requires at least a PG-13 rating. More than one such expletive requires an R rating, as must even one of those words used in a sexual context. The Film Commissioners may rate a motion picture PG –13 if the context or manner in which the words are used, or because the use of those words in the motion picture, is inconspicuous.

METHOD OF EVALUATION: All entries will be screened and evaluated by the members of the Passaic County Film Commission. **The following film categories apply: 1. General Short Film; 2. Public Service Announcement; 3. Documentary/Historical Film; 4. Music Video and one Grand Prize for the best film of the Festival.** A minimum of 5 films must be received per category in order to be judged within that category. If fewer than 5 films per category are received, the films will be judged within the General Short Films category. The Grand Prize will be selected from all of the films entered in the Festival.

The Passaic County Film Festival Award – **The Costello** – will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners from the High School Student entries (class); and the first, second and third place winners from the College Student/ Independent Filmmaker entries (class). **One Grand Prize for the best film of the Festival, will be selected from all films entered** will also be awarded **The Costello.** The highest ranked entries in each Class (High School Students, College Students/Independent Filmmakers) selected by the judges will be provided an opportunity to be screened at the Festival.

EVALUATION CRITERIA: Each film will be evaluated utilizing the following criteria:

Overall Creativity: 10 points
Originality of Theme/Topic: 10 points
Technical Merit (i.e. special effects, editing, sound and lighting quality): 10 points
Overall Performance of Actors: 10 points
Direction: 10 points

The highest score a film can receive is 50 points. The film with the highest score in each Category and Class will be declared the first place winner. The film with the second highest score in each Category and Class will be declared the second place winner. The film with the third highest score in each Category and Class will be declared the third place winner. The film with the highest overall score will be declared the **Grand Prize winner for the best film of the Festival.**

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS:

Please forward all entries with an accompanying completed and **signed entry form** to:

Ms. Deborah Hoffman, Director of Economic Development

Passaic County Film Commission

County of Passaic

Department of Economic Development

930 Riverview Drive- Suite 250

Totowa, NJ 07512

Telephone: 973-569-4720

Email: film@passaiccountynj.org

FILM WORKSHOP: The Passaic County Film Commission will sponsor a **FREE** educational workshop on short film production on **October 22, 2011, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM,** Passaic County Department of Economic Development, 930 Riverview Drive, Suite 250, Totowa, NJ 07512. The film workshop will provide a lecture on the basics of short film making by leaders in the Passaic County film industry. The workshop will also provide a review of the rules and regulations of the Film Festival, and the Passaic County Film Commission encourages entrants to the Festival to attend the workshop. Those individuals who do not attend the workshop may still enter projects but will not have the advantage of the information disseminated at the workshop. The agenda for the workshop is as follows:

A Workshop on Short Film Production for High School and College Students/Independent Filmmakers

Curriculum

October 22, 2011

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Part 1: Information session on the 2012 Passaic County Film Festival

Welcome and introduction:

Passaic County Film Commission Members and Guests

2012 Passaic County Film Festival

- A. Objectives of the Film Festival**
- B. Review of the application**
- C. Explanation of Judging Criteria**
- D. Notification of receipt of film via email**
- E. Format of Film Submissions**
- F. Awards and Prizes**

Part 2: The Basics of Short Film Production

Making the Short Film

- A. Pre-Production:**
 - i. Legal Issues and Releases**
 - ii. Brainstorming an idea**
 - iii. Scriptwriting and Story Boarding**
 - iv. Breaking down the script**
 - v. Where to get equipment**
 - vi. How to find actors and talent management**
 - vii. Making a shooting schedule**
 - viii. Identifying Locations for Your Film**
 - ix. Holistic/Team Approach to Filming**
- B. Production**
 - i. Proper equipment use**
 - ii. How to ensure proper sound and lighting quality**
 - iii. Direction of actors**
 - iv. Shooting the film shot by shot**
- C. Post Production**
 - i. Editing**
 - ii. Film Festivals, Venues for Screening Your Film**
 - iii. Promotion**

**Location: Passaic County Department of Economic Development
930 Riverview Drive, Totowa, NJ 07512, Suite 250
973-569-4720**



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ENTRY APPLICATION FORM

Entry Number: _____ (For Office Use Only)
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Title of Short Film: _____

Contact Information

NAME OF FILMMAKER	EMAIL ADDRESS

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Film Category (select one)

- General Short Film
 Music Video
 Public Service Announcement
 Documentary/Historical Film

Student Class and School Information

High School: Grade: _____
 College: Grade: _____

Name of Teacher: _____
 Teacher Email: _____

Name of School: _____

School Address and Telephone Number: _____

Independent Filmmaker

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Short Film Information

Title of Short Film: _____:

Please provide a 30 second clip of your short film in addition to your film entry.

Format of the short film and 30 second clip: Must be in two formats: 1. DVD and 2. one of the following digital formats: .mov .avi .wmv or .mp4

Date Completed: _____ Length of film: _____ minutes

Briefly describe the story line of your short film:

How did you learn about the Film Festival?

INDEMNIFICATION

(All filmmakers listed on Page 1 must complete this section, please make additional copies if necessary.)

I /We will indemnify and hold harmless Passaic County, NJ, the Passaic County Film Festival, its sponsors, and partners individually and collectively, from and against all claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, liabilities, and expenses, including legal expenses arising out of or in connection with any and all claims, or third party claims, based on material submitted to Passaic County Film Festival.

Passaic County hereby has my permission to use my name, my film, photos, and press materials for pre- or post-festival promotion which may include placement on the Passaic County website and Facebook page. I/We understand that no entries will be returned to the filmmaker.

By signing this form, I/we understand and agree to all the terms and conditions of the Passaic County Film Festival.

Signatures and Date:

Filmmaker Signature

Print Name

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature

Print Name

Date

(If the filmmaker is under 18 years of age, please provide a signature by a parent or guardian)

If you have any questions on this application or on the Film Festival, please contact The Passaic County Film Commission at (973) 569-4720 or e-mail: film@passaiccountynj.org