

Submission rules

- An entry fee is applicable per film. We recommend sending payment by cheque or through our Paypal button rather than cash.

*A regular entry - £10

*A resident of Thurrock - £5

*All Under-18s and Students - £5

(During the 'early bird' period from 1st January 2015 until the 1st March 2015 all entry fees are discounted at 50% off, from the 2nd March 2015 until the closing date of 1st June 2015 full entry fees apply – as seen above)

- All films must have been completed no more than three years prior to the start of the festival. Films completed before 9th October 2012 will not be accepted.
- Films submitted through post must be submitted on a DVD, which must be PAL Region 2 format; this includes entries from outside of Europe.
- Two copies of the film must be submitted. DVDs cannot be returned.
- All entries must have a return address written on the reverse of the package.
- Entries made digitally must be PAL Region 2 format.
- Entries made in a language other than English must have all dialogue subtitled in English. If the film is not subtitled it will not be accepted.
- Any film made in a language other than English must be entered into the International category.
- Films made outside of the UK must be entered to the International category.
- Films made by a director from outside the UK but produced inside the UK may be entered into any suitable category including International.
- Films entered into the Student category must have been completed whilst the filmmaker was in full time education no more than three years ago. The filmmaker can enter a film made as a student into another category instead if they so wish.
- Films entered into the Under-18 category must have been completed before the filmmakers 18th birthday and may not be entered into another category. Films may be made by an individual or by a group under the age of eighteen. It may feature actors over eighteen years of age.
- All entries must be no longer than 15 minutes.
- All entries must be no shorter than 1 minute.
- Due to possible high numbers of entrants, some films may not make the final selection. Fees are non-refundable if the film is not selected.
- Submission forms must be filled out clearly in black or blue ink and in block capitals.
- DVDs must have the title of the film, the name of the director and the category written on them.
- For a film to be entered we will need the completed submission form, two copies of the film on

DVD/digital copy and the correct submission fee (cheque made payable to Thurrock International Film Festival or via our Paypal button on the website).

- Winning films will be voted for by a panel of judges and awards handed out on the final night of the festival, winning filmmakers will receive a trophy.
- A representative from each nominated film (director, actor, producer etc.) must attend the awards ceremony, if no one from the film can make it, the organisers *MUST be notified as far in advance as possible*.
- Clips of each film selected will be used to create promotional material for the festival and for opening and nomination montages.
- A filmmaker may enter up to three films; an entry fee is applicable per film, as is a separate submission form.
- The awards ceremony will have a compulsory smart/casual dress code; screenings will not have a dress code. (You will want to look good in your award photo)
- A group photo of all winning filmmakers will be taken at the awards ceremony.
- If a film has material inappropriate to certain audiences (i.e. not suitable for young children due to lots of coarse swearing) it must be made known to the organisers on the submission form. This does not hinder its chances of being selected.
- A film may be selected for screening but not nominated for an award (excluding Audience Choice for which all films screened are eligible); all films nominated will be screened. If the film is selected for screening and/or is nominated the filmmaker will be made aware of their films status prior to the festival. Winners will be notified at the awards ceremony when their name is read out.
- The judge's decision is final.
- Submissions are to be sent to:

Thurrock International Film Festival,
Thameside Theatre,
Orsett Road,
Grays, Essex,
RM17 5DX
UK

- Submissions received after the 2nd June 2015 will not be entered. This does not stop the filmmaker from re-entering the same film the following year, so long as it is still not longer than three years old at the time of the succeeding festival. Filmmakers will be notified if their film has missed the deadline.
- If you entered a film to a previous year's festival and it was not selected you may enter it again (an entry fee will be applicable). It may not be entered again if it is older than three years old at the time of the 2015 festival or was selected in a previous Thurrock International Film Festival.
- Due to possible high numbers of entries not all films will be selected, we cannot inform filmmakers if the film has not made selection.