

AFSAD 9TH INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

PARTICIPATION SPECIFICATIONS

1. Anyone who is a Turkish citizen or a foreign national can participate in the competition.
2. The members of the AFSAD Board of Directors, Festival Executive Board members, Festival Advisory Board members, Jury members and their first-degree relatives, AFSAD employees and their first-degree relatives can't participate in the competition.
3. Fiction, experimental and animation films applying for the competition should be maximum 25 minutes and documentary films (genres like essay films, found footage films, etc. can apply in this category) should be no longer than 40 minutes (including credits).
4. Films produced by January 1, 2025 or later can apply. Participating in national or international competitions other than the 8th AFSAD International Short Film Festival or being awarded from these competitions does not prevent application.
5. Competitors can apply with a maximum of two works.
6. Turkish short films that are selected for the final or screening selection from those applying to the competition will be evaluated by the AFSAD Special Awards Jury for the Merter Oral, Fikret Otyam and Tuğrul Çakar special awards.
7. The decision of the Pre-Selection Jury, The Main Juries and AFSAD Special Awards Jury is final.
8. Films that have passed the pre-selection will meet with the audience in the program to be created within the scope of the festival.
9. The participation of the films sent to the festival in the events of the 9th AFSAD Short Film Festival, regardless of commercial purpose, by specifying the name of the director, is deemed to be accepted by the competitor. In addition, small sections or fragments of films can be shown on different channels (television, radio and internet) for the purpose of promoting the festival.
10. The deadline for the application of the festival is February 28th, 2026.
11. Applications will be made through <https://filmfreeway.com/9thAFSADShortFilmFestival>
12. If the film is in Turkish, it must be uploaded with English subtitles; if in another language, it must be uploaded with Turkish and English subtitles (embedded in the film) in 1920x1080 HD resolution to the application portal (If uploaded to Vimeo or YouTube, the online viewing link must be valid until the end of the festival).
13. The documents required for the application to the Short Film Competition and to be uploaded to the system:
 - Generic information about the movie (imprint)
 - Online watch link and password of the movie
 - Short summary of the movie in Turkish and English
 - Photos from the movie (high resolution)
 - Director's photo (high resolution), short biography and filmography in Turkish and English
 - Brief director's view
 - Promotion file, electronic press kit, etc., if available
 - Legal permission documents regarding the copyrights of the film's Music and Script (If legal permissions are not obtained for music and script, the participant assumes all responsibility).
14. The responsibility for copyright belongs to the author. The participants irrevocably accept and undertake that 9th AFSAD International Short Film Festival is not responsible in case of any claim by third parties regarding the copyright of the films.
15. The final results will be determined in the Main Jury meetings to be held during the festival; while the "Best Film" and specified special awards will be given in each category in the international

competition, three films from all categories in the national film selection will be granted the Merter Oral, Fikret Otyam and Tuğrul Çakar special awards.

16. The results of the pre-selection will be published on the festival website “www.afsadsinema.net” and on the festival's social media.
17. The following documents must be delivered to the festival address for the finalist works:
The screening copy of the film; in 1920x1080 HD format, on DVD, Flash drive or through digital file transfer (MP4). Films in Turkish should have English subtitles, while films in other languages should have both Turkish and English subtitles (embedded in the film).
 - A trailer (maximum 1 minute) will be sent in 1920x1080 HD format via digital file transfer (MP4) for use on the competition's website.

