



# WINDSOR INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

## SUBMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WIFF 'LOCAL' 2018

OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 4, 2018

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WIFF is delighted to support and promote the talents of our local filmmakers. As such, WIFF is waiving all submission fees. Submitting your film is now free.

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- 1. OBJECTIVES:** WIFF is a not-for-profit organization enriching audiences across Windsor-Essex and Greater Detroit by showcasing Canadian, local, and international feature films of artistic and cultural significance. As part of its mandate, WIFF is committed to promoting and fostering local films and filmmakers. The 48-hour FlickFest, for example, was initiated as a vehicle for local emerging film artists to showcase their talents. WIFF also supports Windsor-Essex filmmakers by welcoming short and feature film submissions for programming consideration to the core festival. Films will be selected on the basis of quality and originality, and their ability to contribute significantly to the overall success of WIFF 2018.
- 2. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:** For submission purposes, WIFF will consider fiction and documentary feature films of 50 minutes and over. Short films must be less than 20 minutes.
- 3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** For short and feature films to be eligible, the following requirements must be met:
  - i) The film must be a premiere screening for Windsor-Essex in that it has not been screened commercially, been broadcast in greater Windsor/Essex, or been available on the Internet prior to **November 4, 2018**.
  - ii) At least one of the producer, writer, director, and/or lead actor/actress must be a current resident of Windsor-Essex, be in attendance for the screening, and be available for a post-screening Q + A and/or panel discussion.
  - iii) The film must be available to screen in the following formats: Blu-ray | .mov | .avi | MPEG-4
  - iv) The film must have a completion date after **September 1, 2017**.
- 4. DEADLINE:** The submission deadline for selection purposes is **Wednesday, September 5, 2018**. Early submission is recommended. Late entries will not be considered.
- 5. SELECTION:** The WIFF programming committee will select and schedule all films presented at the Festival. The WIFF programming committee reserves the right to make changes and/or amendments to the selection process for any unforeseen situation not covered by these guidelines.
- 6. NOTIFICATION:** Filmmakers selected to participate in WIFF "Local" 2018 will be notified by **Sunday, September 30, 2018**. Filmmakers not selected will be notified by email.
- 7. SUBMISSION MATERIAL:** An entry form needs to be completed and submitted with a Screening Link and password or a DVD screening copy of the film with the title, running time, and format clearly labeled. WIFF will not accept responsibility for loss and/or damage to preview materials. Submissions will not be returned unless proper postage and mailing information is provided.
- 8. SHIPPING INFORMATION:** PHYSICAL SCREENERS (DVD) – Please send printed entry form and all materials to: Jeffrey O'Brien, Windsor International Film Festival, P.O. Box 591, Station A, Windsor, ON, N9A 6M6.  
DIGITAL SCREENERS (WEBSITE LINK) – Please send scanned entry form and screener link & protected password to: Jeffrey O'Brien, <[jeff@windsorfilmfest.com](mailto:jeff@windsorfilmfest.com)>, CC: Hayden Freker, <[frekerh@uwindsor.ca](mailto:frekerh@uwindsor.ca)>, Subject Line: WIFF Local 2018 – Film Submission, "Your Film Title Here" by "Your Name or Production Company Here".