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Press Release

FFI ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF THE APPLICATIONS TO CHOOSE ENTRY FROM INDIA FOR 97TH ACADEMY AWARDS - OSCARS.

The executive committee of the Film Federation of India, the parent body of the all the leading film associations of India, in its managing committee meeting has announced the opening of applications for receiving the films for India's entry to Oscars this year.

The entries for the submission of films will be open from 15th August thru 10th September at 6.00 p.m. The FFI will nominate a CHAIRMAN OF THE JURY along with senior qualified people from creative field who will be part of the jury. The final entry will be decided by a vote after all the screenings are done and will be announced on 27th September' 2024.

Mr. Kottarakara said, India is marching towards another amazing year in the movies and entertainment space and we are proud that Indian movies are making a mark at various international platforms including the prestigious Oscars.

"The FFI will provide all the help to the producers to have a smooth, democratic and transparent nomination process"

"We welcome more and more films to participate in the run to get nominated as India's entry into Oscars this year" said Mr. Kottarakara.

**Dharmindra Mehra,
Hon. General Secretary,
Film Federation of India**

Encl. 1) Entry Form
2) Submission details

Application Form
(To be typed on your letter head)

To
Hon. General Secretary,
Film Federation of India,
B -3, 3rd Floor, Everest Building,
Tardeo Road, Mumbai - 400 034.

We the undersigned would like to apply our film as detailed below as an entry for India's entry into 97th Academy Awards - Oscars.

We understand that the jury committee will decide the best entry from amongst all the entries received and we have no objection in accepting the decision of the jury committee which will be final.

Title of the Film : -

Language of the Film : -.....

Crew & Cast of the Film : -

Director of the Film : -

Producer of the Film : -

Name of the Company :-

Release date of the film in Theatre : -

We have completed minimum one week run at
(Provide proof) censor rating.

Censor date (Censor Certificate Enclosed).

We are submitting a non -refundable demand draft of Rs.1,25,000/- (One Lac Twenty Five Thousand only) + GST Extra in the name of "Film Federation of India" at Mumbai.

Films which are unreleased as of 10th September (Last date of entry) who wish to apply for the Oscar Entry will have to submit an undertaking and confirmation from the production and distribution company that the said films will be released for minimum of 7 days in theatres before the deadline of 30th September' 2024.

Bank details of "Film Federation of India"

Current Account No. 12460200000032

Branch :Tardeo Road, Mumbai - 400 034.

RTGS/NEFT IFSC Code : BARB0TARDEO [Zero between BARB & TARDEO]

Please note that we will require English subtitles with each film.

Last date of entry is 10th September' 2024 6.00 p. m.

Authorised Signatory



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August 10, 2024.

Sub: 97th Academy Awards – Oscars – Submission details.

This is with regards to 97th Academy awards under International Film feature category. We wish to call for entry from the respective Producers. **The Film must be released between November 1st 2023 and no later than September 30th 2024 and the film must be publicly exhibited at least for 7 consecutive days in a Commercial motion Picture theatre.**

Film Submission.

Films Release in theatres Between 1st November 2023 to 30th September 2024. [In case films which are ready but have finalized date of release within 30th September 2024 which have been censored, confirmed release date with distributors and theatre confirmation can also apply (but subject to the scrutiny and reconfirmation process done by FFI)

- Film Producer and Artist /Technicians from India with Indian Passport.
- Content must be 60% in local dialect any of the Indian Languages.
- Proof of Release with a minimum of **One** week run in theatres in India.
- Artist & Technician List & Synopsis.
- Sub Titled version in English.
- Details of Film festival entries or Awards received for the film.
- Website or page of the Film.
- Format details will be informed.
- Payment of Rs.1,25,000/- [One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only] + GST Extra.
- Films which are unreleased as of 10th September (last date of entry) who wish to apply for the Oscar Entry will have to submit an undertaking and confirmation from the production & distribution company that the said films will be released for minimum of 7 days in theatres before the deadline of 30th September' 2024.

All interested film producers are requested to send their film details to the Film Federation of India, B-3, 3rd Floor, Everest Building, Tardeo Road, Mumbai – 400 034 and contact Mr. Gopi Krishnan, Media Consultant, Mobile No.9566077799 and Mr. Mahendra M. Jadhav, Executive on Tel. No. 022-2351 5531 or Mobile No. 097025 59953.

Thanking you,

Dharmindra Mehra,
Hon. General Secretary,
Film Federation of India

**RULE FIFTEEN
SPECIAL RULES FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL FEATURE FILM AWARD**

I. DEFINITION

An international film is defined as a feature-length motion picture (over 40 minutes) **produced** outside the United States of America and its territories with a predominantly (more than 50%) non-English dialogue track. Animated and documentary feature films are permitted.

II. ELIGIBILITY

- A. The country-selected film must be first released in the country of origin no earlier than November 1, 2023, and no later than September 30, 2024, and be first publicly exhibited for at least seven consecutive days in a commercial motion picture theater for the profit of the producer and exhibitor. The seven consecutive days of the theatrical release are required to occur in one venue. In order for films to more easily meet theatrical exhibition requirements, the Academy will allow films to qualify outside the country of origin, provided the film is theatrically exhibited outside of the United States and its territories for at least seven consecutive days in a commercial motion picture theater for paid admission.

Submissions must be in 35mm or 70mm film, or in a 24- or 48-frame progressive scan Digital Cinema format with a minimum projector resolution of 2048 by 1080 pixels, source image format conforming to ST 428-1:2006 D-Cinema Distribution Master – Image Characteristics; image compression (if used) conforming to ISO/IEC 15444-1 (JPEG 2000); and image and sound files packaged as Digital Cinema Packages (DCPs) in the “SMPTE DCP” format. SMPTE DCP refers to SMPTE ST 429-2:2020 D-Cinema Packaging – DCP Operational Constraints and related specifications. (Blu-ray format does not meet Digital Cinema requirements.)

The audio in a Digital Cinema Package (DCP) is typically 5.1 or 7.1 channels of discrete audio. The minimum for a non-mono configuration of the audio shall be three channels as Left, Center, Right (a Left/Right configuration is not acceptable in a theatrical environment). In addition to channel-based audio, object-based audio may also be present as an immersive audio bitstream.

The discrete audio data shall be formatted in conformance with SMPTE ST 429-3:2007 D-Cinema Packaging – Sound and Picture Track File, SMPTE ST 428-2:2006 D-Cinema Distribution Master – Audio Characteristics and SMPTE ST 428-12:2013 D-Cinema Distribution Master Common Audio Channels and Soundfield Groups. Immersive audio, if present, shall be formatted in conformance with SMPTE ST 2098-2:2019 Immersive Audio Bitstream Specification and SMPTE 429-18:2019 D-Cinema Packaging – Immersive Audio Track File and packaged in conformance with SMPTE 429-19:2019 D-Cinema Packaging – DCP Operational Constraints for Immersive Audio.

- B. The film must be advertised and exploited during its qualifying theatrical release in a manner considered normal and customary to theatrical feature distribution practices. The film need not have been released in the United States.
- C. **Films that, in any version, receive a nontheatrical public exhibition or distribution before their qualifying theatrical release will not be eligible for Academy Awards consideration.**
Nontheatrical public exhibition or distribution includes but is not limited to:
- Broadcast and cable television
 - Pay Per View/Video on Demand
 - DVD distribution
 - Inflight airline distribution
 - Internet transmission
- D. The recording of the original dialogue track as well as the completed picture must be predominantly (more than 50%) in a language or languages other than English. **Accurate, legible English-language subtitles are required.**
- E. The submitting country must confirm that creative control of the film was largely in the hands of citizens or residents of the submitting country.
- F. Should a selection committee not disclose up-to-date and/or accurate information related to a submitted film's citizenship, business-related affiliation or credit on a selected film, designated credits, production details and release information, a film will be deemed ineligible.
- G. The International Feature Film Executive Committee shall resolve all questions of eligibility and rules.

III. SUBMISSION

- A. Each country shall be invited to submit its best film to the Academy. Selection of that film shall be made by **one** approved organization, jury or committee, of which at least 50% must include artists and/or craftspeople from the field of motion pictures. A list of the selection committee members must be submitted to the Academy no later than **Thursday, August 15, 2024**, or by the submission deadline published by the Academy. All selection committees will be required to adhere to guidelines that are approved by the International Feature Film Executive Committee. Countries submitting for the first time, or which have not submitted for the previous five years, must present a list of selection committee members and application materials for Academy approval by December 31, 2024, for eligibility in the following (98th) Awards year. A country need not submit a film every year for Awards consideration.
- B. **Only one film will be accepted from each country as the official selection.** Films should be submitted to the Academy as soon as they are selected.

- C. The Academy will provide online access to each country's approved selection committee so that the producer of the selected film can supply full production information.
- D. The following submission materials must be submitted to the Academy by **5 p.m. PT on Wednesday, October 2, 2024**:
- Completed online submission forms
 - Digital upload of the film for streaming purposes
 - [For Internal Use Only] A secure and password-protected link to the film. This is required to test non-English dialogue.
 - Full cast and credits list
 - Director's biography and photograph
 - A designated key frame for streaming display artwork
 - A poster from the film's initial theatrical qualifying release or from the country-of-origin theatrical release, for archival purposes
 - Proof of the film's qualifying theatrical release, including but not limited to advertising
- E. Entrants whose films advance to the shortlist must submit either one 35mm or 70mm film print or one DCP of the film after the shortlist is announced. By submitting a film, the filmmakers agree that the Academy has the right to make copies and distribute them for voting purposes only. The Academy will retain for its archives one print of every motion picture receiving a nomination for the International Feature Film award.

IV. VOTING

- A. International Feature Film nominations will be determined in two rounds of voting:
1. All active and life Academy members will be invited to view the eligible submissions in the category. Those who opt in will be required to see a minimum number of submitted eligible films as defined by the current procedures. Members will vote by secret ballot in the order of their preference for not more than fifteen motion pictures. The fifteen motion pictures receiving the highest number of votes shall advance to the next round of voting.
 2. All active and life Academy members will be invited to view the fifteen shortlisted films in the category. A member must see all shortlisted films for the ballot to be counted. Members shall vote in the order of their preference for not more than five motion pictures. The five motion pictures receiving the highest number of votes shall become the nominations for final voting for the International Feature Film award.
- B. Final voting for the International Feature Film award shall be restricted to active and life Academy members who have viewed all five nominated films.
- C. The Academy statuette (Oscar) will be awarded to the film and accepted by the director on behalf of the film's creative talents. For Academy Awards purposes, the country will be credited as the nominee. The director's name will be listed on the statuette plaque after the country and film title.

V. ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY RESTRICTIONS

In addition to complying with the Awards Rules for the 97th Academy Awards, all participants in the Awards competition are also bound by the Awards Campaign Promotional Regulations concerning the promotion of eligible films and are subject to the penalties provided therein, including the potential declaration of ineligibility by the Board of Governors for violation of those guidelines.

VI. ELIGIBILITY IN OTHER CATEGORIES

- A. International Feature Film submissions may be submitted for consideration for the 97th Academy Awards in other categories, including Best Picture, provided that they comply with the rules governing those categories.
- B. Animated feature films submitted to the International Feature Film category are eligible for the Animated Feature Film category, provided that they meet the eligibility requirements outlined for the International Feature Film category and the Animated Feature Film category.
- C. Documentary feature films submitted to the International Feature Film category are eligible for the Documentary Feature Film category, provided that they meet the eligibility requirements outlined for the International Feature Film category and the Documentary Feature Film category.
- D. Films submitted for consideration in the International Feature Film category for the 97th Academy Awards are **NOT** eligible for consideration in other awards categories in the subsequent year, nor could the films have been submitted in other awards categories in a previous year.