

BAFTA QUALIFYING FESTIVALS LIST – BRITISH SHORT FILM

All films submitted into the British Short Film category must have been accepted into at least two BAFTA Qualifying Festivals from below:

The Qualifying Festival List is undergoing a transition year (2023/2024) and was previously split into Section A and Section B. If your short screened only at one festival from Section A, it will qualify via the festival route for the 2024 BAFTA Film Awards.

Please note, films submitted into the British Short Animation category currently do not need to have screened at a festival in order to qualify. Any questions about this, please email awards@bafta.org

International

AFI Fest	Oct	www.afi.com/afidocs
American Black Film Festival	Jun	https://www.abff.com/
Angers Premiers Plans	Jan	www.premiersplans.org
Aspen Shortsfest	Mar - Apr	www.aspenfilm.org
Berlin International Film Festival	Feb	www.berlinale.de
BlackStar Film Festival	Aug	https://www.blackstarfest.org/
Brest European Short Film Festival	Nov	www.filmcourt.fr
Busan International Short Film Festival	Apr	http://www.bisff.org/
Cannes Film Festival (Please note we do not accept applications for films screening at Short Film Corner)	May	www.festival-cannes.org
Chicago International Film Festival	Oct	www.chicagofilmfestival.com
Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival	Jan	www.clermont-filmfest.com
Cork International Film Festival	Nov	www.corkfilmfest.org
CPH: DOX	Mar	https://cphdox.dk/en/
DOK Leipzig	Oct	https://www.dok-leipzig.de/en/home
DokuFest (International Documentary and Short Film)	Aug	https://dokufest.com/en/
Festival Curta Cinema - Festival Internacional de Curtas do Rio de Janeiro	Nov	www.curtacinema.com.br
Flickerfest International Short Film Festival	Jan	www.flickerfest.com.au
Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival	Aug	www.film-festival.org
Frameline San Francisco International Film Festival	Jun	https://www.frameline.org/
Galway Film Fleadh	Jul	https://www.galwayfilmfleadh.com/
Go Short	Apr	www.goshort.nl
Hamptons International Film Festival	Oct	http://hamptonsfilmfest.org/
Hot Docs Festival (Canadian International Documentary Festival)	Apr	www.hotdocs.ca
IndieCork Film Festival	Dec	https://indiecork.com/
International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam	Nov	www.idfa.nl
International Film Festival Rotterdam	Jan	https://iffr.com/en
Internationale Kurzfilmtage Winterthur	Nov	http://www.kurzfilmtage.ch
International Short Film Festival Oberhausen	May	www.kurzfilmtage.de
Krakow Short Film Festival	May	https://www.krakowfilmfestival.pl/en/
Kurzfilm Festival Hamburg	Jun	http://festival.shortfilm.com
Kyiv International Film Festival Molodist	Oct	https://molodist.com/
La Semaine de la Critique - Cannes	May	www.festival-cannes.org
LA Shorts International Short Film Festival	Jul	www.lashortsfest.com
Leuven International Short Film Festival	Nov	www.kortfilmfestival.be
Locarno Film Festival	Aug	www.locarnofestival.ch

Melbourne International Film Festival	Aug	http://miff.com.au
Mostra Internazionale d'Arte Cinematografica - Venice	Aug - Sep	www.labiennale.org/en/cinema
New York Film Festival	Sep - Oct	https://www.filmlinc.org/about-us/new-
Outfest Los Angeles LGBTQ Film Festival	Aug - Sep	https://outfest.org/
Palm Springs International ShortFest	Jun	www.psfilmfest.org
PÖFF Shorts (Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival)	Nov	http://shorts.poff.ee
ReelAbilities Film Festival	Apr - May	https://reelabilities.org/newyork/
Slamdance Film Festival	Jan	www.slamdance.com
Sundance Film Festival	Jan - Feb	www.sundance.org/festival
SuperFest Disability Film Festival	Oct	http://www.superfestfilm.com/
SXSW Film & TV Festival	Mar	https://www.sxsw.com/festivals/film
Sydney Film Festival	Jun	http://sff.org.au
Telluride Film Festival	Aug - Sep	www.telluridefilmfestival.org
Toronto International Film Festival	Sep	https://www.tiff.net/tiff/
Tribeca Festival	Jun	www.tribecafilm.com/festival
Tampere Film Festival	Mar	www.tamperefilmfestival.fi
Uppsala Short Film Festival	Oct	www.shortfilmfestival.com
Vienna Shorts – International Short Film Festival	Jun	https://www.viennashorts.com/nc/en/
Visions Du Réel	Apr - May	https://www.visionsdureel.ch/en
ZINEBI - International Festival of Documentary and Short	Nov	www.zinebi.com

British

Aesthetica Short Film Festival	Nov	www.asff.co.uk
BAFTA Cymru – shorts nominated	Oct	http://bafta.org/wales
BAFTA Scotland – shorts nominated	Nov	http://bafta.org/scotland
Belfast Film Festival	Nov	https://belfastfilmfestival.org/
BFI Flare (London LGBTQ+ Film Festival)	Mar	www.bfi.org.uk/flare
BFI London Film Festival	Oct	www.bfi.org.uk/fff
Bolton Film Festival	Oct	https://www.boltonfilmfestival.com/
British Independent Film Awards – shorts nominated	Dec	www.bifa.org.uk
BUFF - British Urban Film Festival	Oct	www.britishurbanfilmfestival.co.uk/
Camden International Film Festival	Oct	https://pointsnorthinstitute.org/ciff/
Cambridge Film Festival	Oct	www.cambridgefilmfestival.org.uk
Carmarthen Bay Film Festival	May	www.carmarthenbayfilmfestival.co.uk/
Edinburgh International Film Festival	August	www.edfilmfest.org.uk
Encounters Festival	Sep	www.encounters.film
Flatpack Festival	May	https://flatpackfestival.org.uk
Foyle Film Festival	Nov	www.foylefilmfestival.org
Glasgow Short Film Festival	Mar	https://glasgowfilm.org/glasgow-short-
Iris Prize LGBTQ+ Film Festival	Oct	www.irisprize.org
Leeds International Film Festival	Nov	www.leedsfilm.com
London Comedy Film Festival (LOCO)	May	http://locofilmfestival.com/
London International Documentary Festival	Nov	www.lidf.co.uk
London Short Film Festival	Jan	http://shortfilms.org.uk
Norwich Film Festival	Nov	https://www.norwichfilmfestival.co.uk/
Open City Documentary Festival	Sep	https://opencitylondon.com/
Oska Bright Film Festival	Mar	https://oskabright.org/
Raindance Film Festival	Oct	www.raindance.co.uk
Sheffield DocFest	June	www.sheffdocfest.com
S.O.U.L. Fest	Sep	https://www.soulfilm.co.uk/
SQIFF (Scottish Queer International Film Festival)	Sep	http://www.sqiff.org/
UK Jewish Film Festival	Nov	https://ukjewishfilm.org/festival/uk-jewish-

Yugo BAFTA Student Awards	July	www.bafta.org/los-angeles/events-
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If your film has been screened at a number of festivals not included on this list, it may still be accepted at the discretion of BAFTA's Film Committee. Please note however, that BAFTA will not provide feedback if your film is not successful via the festival exemption route.

Note also that filmmakers are only eligible to apply for a festival exemption if they have had an opportunity to qualify via festivals. If you apply for a festival exemption and are unsuccessful, your film will not be eligible in any future awards years, regardless of subsequent screenings at qualifying festivals. All shorts filmmakers are therefore encouraged to make use of the festival route prior to entry and prior to applying for festival exemption as this could disqualify your film in future years.

BAFTA QUALIFYING FESTIVALS LIST – APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION

The Qualifying Festivals List exists to identify qualifying entries for the British Short Film category in the annual EE BAFTA Film Awards. The British Short Film award is open to films of under 40 minutes with significant creative involvement by British individuals. We review the list every year, and ask all applicant festivals to briefly answer a series of questions, to help us better understand each festival. In order to be included in the upcoming season, forms would need to be submitted by the end of June each year.

Applications to the List are closed for the 2023/2024 Awards season.

The application form will be reopened late summer 2023.

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