

23rd AKBANK SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

National and International Short Film Competitions Competition Requirements

1. The National Short Film Competition is open exclusively to citizens of the Republic of Türkiye.
2. The International Short Film Competition is open to short films from all countries. Films produced in Türkiye may also be submitted to this category at the applicant's discretion.
3. Employees of Akbank are not eligible to apply to the competitions.
4. There are no restrictions in terms of theme or genre. Short films in the categories of fiction, documentary, experimental, and animation are eligible for submission.
5. The total running time of submitted films, including end credits, must be **between 1 and 30 minutes**. Films outside the specified duration limits will not be considered.
6. Only films completed after **1 January 2026** are eligible for submission. Submissions will be accepted between **1 July and 11 December 2026**.
7. Previous participation in any national or international film festivals does not prevent submission for the festival.
8. Directors may submit more than one film.

Submission Procedure

9. Applications may only be submitted through the online submission form announced by the Festival Management.
10. The submission form must be completed in full, and all required information and documents must be uploaded to the system by the submission deadline. Incomplete applications, applications with missing documents, or applications completed after the submission deadline will not be considered.
11. A scanned copy of the wet-signed submission form must be sent to **AkbankKisaFilmFestivali@akbank.com** with the subject line formatted as **Name_Surname_FilmTitle**.
12. Applicants must provide a password-protected screening link with English subtitles that remains accessible for a minimum of six (6) months.

13. The Festival Management reserves the right to amend the submission schedule when necessary.

Pre-Selection and Evaluation

14. All submissions will be reviewed by a Pre-Selection Committee appointed by the Festival Management.

15. Films selected by the Pre-Selection Committee will be included in the Competition Programme. The decisions of the Pre-Selection Committee and the Jury are final.

16. Upon recommendation of the Pre-Selection Committee or due to programming requirements, the Festival Management may include selected films in non-competitive screening programmes.

17. Awards will be determined by the Main Jury appointed by the Festival Management. The final results will be announced at the Award Ceremony.

Festival Screenings

18. Films selected through the pre-selection process will be included in the Festival Screening Program.

19. Screenings will take place at venues designated by the Festival Management.

20. The Festival Management reserves the right to make selected films available online after the festival under conditions and for a period it determines.

21. By submitting a film, applicants agree that selected films may be screened at all events organized by the festival throughout the year, including screenings within the scope of the “**Akbank Short Film Festival at Universities**” project.

22. For promotional purposes, the Festival Management may use excerpts, trailers, posters, stills, and other promotional materials from selected films across television, print, digital, and social media platforms.

23. Applicants undertake not to withdraw their films after the official festival program has been announced.

Awards

The following awards will be presented as part of the Festival

National Short Film Competition

- Best Film Award
- Jury Special Award
- Best Director Award
- Best First Film Award

International Short Film Competition

- Best Film Award
- Jury Special Award

The Festival Management may present additional special awards. Prize amounts and award regulations will be announced separately..

Screening Copies

24. Screening copies of selected films must be delivered within the timeframe specified by the Festival Management and in accordance with the required technical specifications.

25. Screening copies may be requested in DCP, Apple ProRes, MOV, or H.264 formats.

Subtitles

26. All films selected for the festival program must provide a screening copy with English subtitles.

27. For the National Short Film Competition, films whose original language is not Turkish must additionally provide Turkish subtitles.

Copyrights

28. Applicants declare and warrant that they hold all intellectual property and related rights necessary for the submission and screening of the film

29. Applicants bear sole legal responsibility for all visual, audio, and written materials contained in the film.

30. Akbank T.A.Ş., Akbank Sanat, and the Festival Management shall not be held liable for any claims brought by third parties concerning rights associated with submitted films.

Final Provisions

- 31.** The Festival Management reserves the right to amend these Regulations when necessary.
- 32.** In all matters not expressly covered herein, the Festival Management shall have sole authority to make final decisions.
- 33.** These Regulations govern the National Short Film Competition and the International Short Film Competition of the 23rd Akbank Short Film Festival.
- 34.** Application requirements for the New Talents and Forum Script sections are governed by separate regulations.
- 35.** These requirements consist of thirty-five (35) articles, including this article.