

**QUALIFYING FESTIVALS FOR INTERNATIONAL FEATURES**

AFI Fest	Sundance Film Festival
Berlin Film Festival	SXSW
BFI London Film Festival	Telluride Film Festival
Cannes Film Festival	Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)
New York Film Festival	Tribeca Film Festival
San Sebastian Film Festival	Venice Film Festival

**QUALIFYING FESTIVALS FOR BRITISH FEATURES**

AFI Fest	Locarno
Anecy Festival	Manchester Film Festival
BAFTA – Film longlisted	Manchester Animation Festival
London Breeze Film Festival (formerly Barnes Film Festival)	Melbourne International Film Festival
Belfast Film Festival	New York Film Festival
The Berlin International Film Festival / Berlinale	North East International Film Festival
BFI Flare	Open City Doc Fest
BFI London Film Festival	Oxford International Film Festival
Brighton Rocks International Film Festival	Raindance Film Festival
British Urban Film Festival (BUFF)	Ramsgate International Film Festival
Cambridge Film Festival	International Film Festival Rotterdam
Cannes Film Festival	S.O.U.L Film Festival
CPH: DOX	San Sebastian Film Festival
Cork International Film Festival	Sci-Fi London
Crystal Palace International Film Festival	Sheffield DocFest
Deaffest	Spirit of Independence Film Festival
Doc'n Roll Festival	Sundance Film Festival
Edinburgh International Film Festival	SXSW
Flatpack Festival	Telluride Film Festival

Glasgow Film Festival	Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)
Hot Docs	Tribeca Film Festival
Irish Film Festival London	UK Jewish Film Festival
IDFA International Documentary Film Festival	Unrestricted View Film Festival
Leeds International Film Festival	Venice Film Festival

## QUALIFYING FESTIVALS & AWARDS FOR SHORT FILMS

All films submitted into the British Short Film category must have been accepted into:

- At least one festival from Section A or
- At least two festivals from Section B

If your film has been accepted to two or more Section B festivals only, at least one of those qualifying festivals must have been within this year's eligibility period of 1 November 2023 – 30 November 2024

To be eligible for BIFA 2024, short films must have been completed after 1 May 2023

### SECTION A

Primarily international festivals

AFI Docs Film Festival	IDFA International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam
AFI Fest	Iris Prize LGBTQ+ Film Festival
BAFTA – Film Nominated	Kurzfilm Festival Hamburg
BAFTA Cymru – Film Nominated	Open City Documentary Festival
BAFTA Scotland – Film Nominated	Oska Bright
The Berlin International Film Festival / Berlinale	Palm Springs International ShortFest
BFI Flare	Raindance Film Festival
BFI London Film Festival	Rumi Foundation Grierson Trust Best Documentary Short Award
Cannes Film Festival	International Film Festival Rotterdam
Clermont-Ferrant International Short Film Festival	S.O.U.L Film Festival
CPH: DOX	Sheffield DocFest
Deaffest	Sundance Film Festival
Edinburgh International Film Festival	SXSW Film Festival Short Film Programme
Encounters Film Festival	Toronto International Film Festival
Foyle Film Festival	Tribeca Film Festival
Hot Docs Festival	UK Jewish Film Festival

## SECTION B

Primarily British festivals

Aesthetica Short Film Festival	London Short Film Festival
London Breeze Film Festival (formerly Barnes Film Festival)	Manchester Film Festival
Beeston Film Festival	North East International Film Festival
BFI Future Film Festival	Norwich Film Festival
Bolton International Film Festival	Oxford International Film Festival
Brighton Rocks International Film Festival	Ramsgate International Film Festival
British Urban Film Festival	Short Com Comedy Film and Animation Festival
Bute Street Film Festival	Short Short Story Film Festival
Cambridge Film Festival	Spirit of Independence Film Festival
Cardiff Mini Film Festival	Sunderland Shorts Film Festival
Cork International Film Festival	Sunrise Film Festival
Crystal Palace International Film Festival	The Shortest Nights
Edinburgh Short Film Festival	The Smalls
EFN Short Film Festival	TweetFest Film Festival
Exit 6 Film Festival	Unrestricted View Film Festival
Glasgow Short Film Festival	Watersprite Student Film Festival
Irish Film Festival London	Wigan & Leigh Short Film Festival
Kino London Short Film Festival	Wimbledon International Short Film Festival
Leeds International Film Festival	Women Over 50 Film Festival
London International Animation Film Festival	Women X Film Festival

## QUALIFYING ONLINE CHANNELS FOR SHORT FILMS

Channel name	Website
BBC Three*	<a href="http://bbc.co.uk/bbcthree">bbc.co.uk/bbcthree</a>
Channel 4*	<a href="http://channel4.com">channel4.com</a>
Directors Notes	<a href="http://directorsnotes.com">directorsnotes.com</a>
Field of Vision	<a href="http://fieldofvision.org">fieldofvision.org</a>
The Guardian Docs	<a href="http://theguardian.com">theguardian.com</a>
Minute Shorts 'Minute Shorts Presents' Playlist	<a href="http://minuteshorts.co.uk">minuteshorts.co.uk</a>
New York Times Op-Docs	<a href="http://nytimes.com">nytimes.com</a>
NOWNESS	<a href="http://nowness.com">nowness.com</a>
VICE	<a href="http://vice.com">vice.com</a>

\*Films that were commissioned by and produced for either of these channels will not normally be eligible unless they have screened or be scheduled to screen at another qualifying channel or festival.

### **Festival not listed**

If you wish to enter a film that has not screened or is not scheduled to screen at one of the above listed BIFA qualifying festivals but has screened at another UK festival within the eligibility period, please contact us to discuss whether that festival can be considered qualifying: [entry@bifa.film](mailto:entry@bifa.film)

### **Online festivals**

Films must have screened at an in-person event to a paying public audience. Online screenings only at BIFA recognised festivals do not normally qualify as eligible. Please email [entry@bifa.film](mailto:entry@bifa.film) if you would like to check your eligibility status.

For more information about how we select our qualifying festivals, or to feedback on our list, please visit <https://www.bifa.film/about/bifa-qualifying-festivals/>