



MAKE CINEMA

COMPETITION GUIDELINES





Submission Deadline:
10th January 2026



Duration:
1 to 5 minutes



Language:
Any language
(Mandatory English subtitles)



Age Categories:
7 to 10 years
11 to 13 years
14 to 17 years



The Award Categories:
Best Film (7 to 10 years)
Best Film (11 to 13 years)
Best Film (14 to 17 years)



Special Mention Awards:

- Best Director
- Best Actor / Actress
- Best Cinematography
- Best Editing



Winner Announcement:
31st January 2026



Rules and Regulations



- **Age Eligibility:** Participants must fall within the specific age group: 7-10 yrs, 11-13 yrs, 14-17 yrs
- **Film Submission Eligibility:** Only films created after 1st October 2025 will be eligible for submission
- **Film Type:** Films may encompass a wide array of cinematographic formats, including animation, documentary, live-action, and other creative formats.
- **Copyright Compliance:** It is imperative to adhere to copyright regulations. Usage of copyrighted music, video footage, or images is strictly forbidden and will lead to immediate disqualification. Original or royalty-free music, images, and video footage must be used.
- **Group Entries:** In the case of films produced by a group of students, a maximum of 15 individual names can be attributed per film entry.
- **Single Point of Contact:** For group films, only the designated director needs to undertake the registration process on behalf of the entire team.
- **Film Credits:** Film credits should include the following roles: - Director | Actors/Actresses | Writer | Cinematographer | Editor | Sound & Music Designer | Art Director
- **Child Juror Eligibility:** Only the crew of the winning films' will be eligible to participate as jurors at SCIFF 2026
- **Alternate Child Jurors:** In the event that the director cannot participate as a Child Juror, the opportunity can be extended to the other two prominent cast/crew members listed in the submission.
- **Prominent Cast/Crew Members:** Each entry must include the names of two other significant cast or crew members alongside the director.

Registration guidelines

Registration Form Link: [Click Here](#)

Only registrations submitted through the provided form will be accepted. · Only films from registered participants will be taken into consideration. · Participants must accurately provide the following details in the registration form:

- a. Student Name** [Enter the full name of the film director as stated on the school ID]
- b. Student Email** [Provide a valid email ID, which will be used for film submission and access]
- c. Student Contact Number** [Enter a valid contact number]
- d. Group Members Details** [Enter full name of each group member]
- e. School Name** [Provide the complete school name]
- f. School Branch** [If applicable, mention the school branch]
- g. School Email** [Enter the official school email address]
- h. Teacher Coordinator** [Enter the full name of the teacher coordinator]
- i. Teacher Coordinator Contact** [Provide a valid contact number for the teacher coordinator]
- j. Submit Film** [File name should be in the format: **FILMNAME_DirectorName**]

Gratification

- Winning films will be screened at SCIFF 2026
- Winners (Director) get an opportunity to be on the Jury of SCIFF 2026
- Winners (Director) may also get an opportunity to be on the Jury of Partner Festivals
- Winners get Merit Certificates
- All participants will get a Participation Certification

REGISTER YOUR FILM

