

FilmOffaly in Association with Filmbase Present

FilmOffaly Award 2014

Guidelines

FilmOffaly, Offaly's Film Commission in association with Filmbase is pleased to announce the FilmOffaly Award 2014. This funding initiative aims to foster creative, resourceful filmmaking in the county. FilmOffaly are looking for unique, original stories by talented new filmmakers, professional and novice alike. The only stipulation is that the filming must take place in Offaly!

There will be one award to one successful applicant.

The winning applicant will receive:-

€8,000 towards the cost of their production.

A local premiere.

1-year's Filmbase membership to the Writer, Producer and Director of the winning film.

A **50% discount** on production equipment and/or editing facilities from Filmbase for the project.

Filmbase's production **insurance** to cover the shoot.

The award will be based on a two stage application process.

Stage One

Please complete the **FilmOffaly 2014 Application Form** and submit it by post (not e-mail) with **three copies of the script and 500 word synopsis** of the film project.

Screenplays of shorts films from any genre, style, topic or perspective will be considered and judged on its merits regarding the quality of the material along with interviews and re-writes with/by the Applicant/s.

Closing date: **3pm on Friday 4th April 2014.**

FilmOffaly Award, Arts Office, Offaly County Council, Charleville Road, Tullamore , Co. Offaly

Stage Two

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview where they will need to provide evidence of the following.

1. **Notes** outlining intended approach;
2. **Evidence of ownership of rights.** (Copies of all option and writers agreements entered into in respect of story and script if applicable to the project);
3. **Written confirmation** in the form of clearances and permissions of key subject's willingness to participate;
4. **A budget** (to include, production, crew, casting, equip hire, editing, travel, music etc and evidence of further funding)
5. **CVs of proposed team** (director, producer, writer, editor etc)
6. Outlined details of **proposed casting**
7. **Time schedule**
8. Any additional relevant supporting materials.
9. It is in the interest of the applicant that as many members of the team attend the interview. Inability to attend for interview will render the applicant ineligible to compete for the award. There will only be one date selected for interviewing. Applicants will be interviewed by representatives of Filmbase and FilmOffaly.

Notes for applicants

Each applicant/s must adhere to the following conditions regarding their submissions.

- The rights of all Screenplays submitted **must be owned by the applicant/s** in their entirety and be free and clear of any third party interests or encumbrances. The persons and or persons submitting the screenplay must be the author/s of the screenplay and own all its rights in their entirety. (i.e. all screenplays may not have been previously sold, or produced, licensed, optioned or otherwise had any rights transferred to a third party.)

Screenplays must be the **original work of applicant/s**. Any derivative work - if the screenplay is based upon another work in any medium - must be submitted with proper legal documentation proving that those submitting the screenplay also own the underlying rights or the derivative rights in their entirety. If the screenplay is another person's life story, whether loosely or strictly based, applicant/s must provide a signed statement to that effect by applicant/s and supporting legal documentation verifying that applicant/s has the right to make such an adaptation.

- Screenplays should indicate the duration of the film such as, **10, 15 or 20 minutes**.
- Multiple entries require completion of **separate application forms**.
- Applicant/s hereby understands and agrees that submission does not guarantee that applicant/s will be selected. FILMOFFALY retains sole discretion regarding acceptance issues, terms and regulations, including whether or not any applicant is chosen and a film made.

- Winning recipients may be notified of their selection in writing and some conditions may apply based on the selection panel's decision.
- All entries must be post-marked by **Thursday April 3th 2014** in order to be eligible. However applicants sending entries from European or other countries should allow an extra week for additional postage time.
- Application materials must be in **hard copy** not CD or removable disk.
- Materials will not be returned unless a **correct sized SAE** is submitted.
- Do not send originals.
- For your own protection, we advise registering your application with An Post and copyrighting any material you submit.

Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed in a competitive context according to the following criteria:

- **The creativity and quality** of the project proposal
- Consideration of the use of **Offaly as a location**
- **The track record of the creative team**
- The demonstrable ability of the team to **complete and deliver** the project with the available funds

For further information and application forms please contact:

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FilmOffaly is Offaly County Councils Film Commission

