

## **RULES AND SUBMISSIONS 2025**

# **SEX EDUCATION FILM FESTIVAL**

**from 10th to 16th February 2025**

### **INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL**

5th Edition of the SEX EDUCATION FILM FESTIVAL, an international short film festival on sexual education.

The Sex Education Film Festival (SEFF) is the first international short film festival on sexual education and health. The festival presents a selection of documentaries and short films from around the world that address topics related to sexual diversity, consent, STI prevention, gender identity, gender equality, healthy relationships, among others.

The festival was created with the aim of promoting awareness and understanding of sexual education through cinema. SEFF also organizes talks, debates, and other parallel activities to encourage reflection and dialogue on these topics.

The festival is an important platform for filmmakers who wish to address issues related to sexuality and sexual health, and for the general public who want to learn and connect with others who share the same interests and concerns.

The Sex Education Film Festival is committed to education for all ages and has two well-differentiated sections: Teens and Adults.

### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

1. You can submit any **short film which has been published after January 2019**.
2. You can submit any national or international short film (**fiction, animated or documentary**) that focuses on sex education.
3. Each participant may submit more than one short film.
4. Films can be submitted in any language, but participants must include subtitles in English and Spanish. It is appreciated if you can also include subtitles in Catalan.
5. The length of the short film cannot exceed:

**15 minutes** for **fiction and animated** films.

**20 minutes** for **documentaries**.

6. All entries must be submitted within **May 20th, 2024 and August 31st, 2024**, both included.
7. Films must be submitted online via the platforms **Festhome, Movibeta, FilmFreeWay, ClickforFestivals or FilmFestPlatform**. Films can be submitted also via wetransfer to the email [info@sexeducationfestival.com](mailto:info@sexeducationfestival.com). The reception and proper submission of the materials will be confirmed to participants via email.
8. The authors of the selected short films must send the following materials:
  - a. High-quality copy of the short film
  - b. Stills and official poster
  - c. Teaser
  - d. Subtitles in Spanish and English (Mandatory) and, if possible, in Catalan

The materials should be sent via platforms or through Wetransfer to the email address provided by the festival organization: [info@sexeducationfestival.com](mailto:info@sexeducationfestival.com)

9. The organization will announce the **finalists on the 15th of December 2024**. Finalists will be notified on **November 15** to start organizing the festival. Finalists will have 30 days from this date, November 15, to submit all the necessary materials for the screenings. Failure to do so will be considered as the short film being excluded from the official selection.
10. The films may not include any content that disrespects any person, group or entity or violates people's rights to honor, privacy, and their own image or any other rights affecting third parties.
11. The organization of the SEX EDUCATION FILM FESTIVAL declines any legal responsibility regarding the short films submitted to the Festival and their content.
12. The participants must guarantee that the short films are not violating any intellectual property, industrial or exploitation rights.
13. The authors of the short films submitted to the Festival sign over the rights for the Festival to show them publicly.
14. All submitted material will become part of the festival's archive.
15. The concession of the right to show the short films included in the Official Selection, and therefore, included in the official festival's programme, will be

extended for one year, beginning on the last day of this current edition of the festival.

16. The organization keeps the right of partial or total use of the short films in the Official Selection, always without any commercial or lucrative purpose, for the promotion or advertising of the Festival. Likewise the organization keeps the right to publish a preview or a piece of maximum 30 seconds of each short film in the Official Selection in the Website and Social Media for the same purpose.
17. None of the short films that have already been selected in previous editions will be accepted within the Official Selection.

## **SELECTION PROCESS AND JURY**

The organization of the festival will appoint a jury consisting of several professionals related to the world of communication, cinema, education and sex education. After watching all the short films submitted, the organization of the festival will select the films for the Official Selection, which will be screened in the several venues of the SEX EDUCATION FESTIVAL.

The jury will watch the finalists that make it to the Official Selection and decide the awards.

The Festival's organization will grant a Special Mention, if so it deems.

## **SCREENINGS**

From the 29th January to the 3rd February 2024, in the different SEX EDUCATION FILM FESTIVAL venues spread around the municipality of Terrassa.

## **AWARDS**

### **2 categories**

- A) **TEENS EDUCATION** Short films to be seen by teenagers, from 12 years old.

**Jury's award for best documentary, fiction or animated short film.** 500 euros

**Audience's award for best documentary, fiction or animated short film.** To be determined

**B) ADULTS EDUCATION Short films to be seen by adults, from 18 years old.**

**Jury's award for best documentary, fiction or animated short film.** 500 euros

**Audience's award for best documentary, fiction or animated short film.** To be determined

**Honorable Mentions:** No cash price.

Any award may be declared void should the jury decide so.

The awards are subject to applicable taxes.

## **SEFF TOUR**

### **What is the SEFF Tour?**

Due to the high demand we have for the festival, and because we cannot meet this demand due to location and time limitations, this year we have decided to initiate an educational activity of the Sex Education Film Festival that we will bring to those municipalities and locations that send us a request and our team deems suitable to meet the qualitative requirements that SEFF demands.

The SEFF Tour consists of an educational activity in which a series of short films that were previously part of the official selection of some of the SEFF editions and that we consider to have a powerful educational message are screened. This is followed by a session of debate and dialogue with a sexual education professional where the topics projected in the short films are discussed, allowing the audience to reflect and resolve any doubts or questions.

### **How does the SEFF Tour work?**

The team in charge of the SEFF Tour will select the short films and communicate via email with the producers and directors of the selected short films.

We offer a commission of €20 per session (a session is equivalent to a single SEFF Tour activity in a specific location or municipality).

At the end of the year, the total amount of money will be paid according to the number of SEFF Tour sessions in which the short films have participated.

Once the official selection is made, we will send an email with all the information and, once participation in the SEFF Tour is accepted, an agreement will be signed for a duration of one year.

## **SUBMISSION AND SCREENING REQUIREMENTS**

Films must be submitted online via the platforms: **FilmFreeWay, Clickfor Festivals, Movibeta, FilmFestPlatform or Festhome**. You can also submit your films via Wettransfer to the email of SEX EDUCATION FILM FESTIVAL: [info@sexeducationfestival.com](mailto:info@sexeducationfestival.com)

The deadline for the submission is August the 31st, 2024.

If a film is selected for the Official Selection, the organization will require a high quality copy from the person of contact specified on the submission form. Subtitles must also be sent in Spanish, English and, if possible, in Catalan.

The organization reserves the right to recode the original films in order to adapt them to the requirements of the screening, keeping its quality as far as possible.

The organization reserves the right to solve any issue not foreseen in these rules. In the event of a disagreement in the interpretation of the Rules for Participation of the SEX EDUCATION FILM FESTIVAL, the organization will resolve within a week's time about the issues brought up by the participants, being the organization's decision totally binding.

## **TERMS OF ACCEPTANCE**

Each participant declares, guarantees, and confirms the following to the SEX EDUCATION FILM FESTIVAL Organization:

He/she is of legal age.

In case of student participation, an adult may have to submit the film.

He/she is responsible for adhering to the terms and conditions and shall not hold the SEX EDUCATION FILM FESTIVAL Organization accountable for breach of said terms.

The participant expressly agrees to comply with each and every one of the terms and conditions of this contest, which can be inquired about at any moment by each participant. Failure to comply with any of the terms may lead to the disqualification of the contest participant.

It is understood that the participant, when participating in the contest, accepts these terms and conditions, and, therefore, gives the SEX EDUCATION FILM FESTIVAL the authorization to publish its name and image on the festival website, as well as any type of promotion or publication.

## **PRIVACY POLICY AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS**

Participation in the festival contest implies acceptance and authorization of the total or partial reproduction of the winning short films for promotion, publicity and broadcasting of the SEX EDUCATION FILM FESTIVAL 2024.

The data will be handled with confidentiality and in accordance with the provisions of the Organic Law of Protection of Personal Data (LOPD) and the regulations that develop it.

As indicated, the party responsible for the said file is the SEX EDUCATION FILM FESTIVAL Organization with address C/ Lepant 89, 08203 Sabadell and email contact [info@sexeducationfestival.com](mailto:info@sexeducationfestival.com). At the address above, interested parties may exercise the right of access, opposition, rectification and deletion of their personal data.

## **CONTROL AND SAFETY RULES**

The SEX EDUCATION FILM FESTIVAL Organization reserves the right to take appropriate measures to avoid any conduct that the association suspects has the purpose or effect of acting in fraud in regards to this contest, or supposes a breach of its rules or a cause of harm to other participants. The first consequence will be the disqualification of the participant and the loss of any right to the prize that would have been obtained.

Also, the SEX EDUCATION FILM FESTIVAL Organization reserves the right to exclude participants if they contribute material containing viruses or any computer code directed or capable of damaging, interfering, intercepting or violating the security of any system, information or data.

## **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

The SEX EDUCATION FILM FESTIVAL Organization shall not accept any liability for damages of any nature that, despite the security measures taken, may be caused by the improper use of the services or contents by the users or participants, and especially, but not exclusively, for damages and losses that may arise from the impersonation of a third party by a user.

The SEX EDUCATION FILM FESTIVAL Organization denies liability in any case in which the participant has not previously requested consent or authorization for personal data of which they were subject to treatment.