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Submissions Now Open for the 2026 European Film Awards

The 38th European Film Awards will take place on 17 January 2026 in Berlin, Germany, celebrating outstanding achievements in European cinema. Filmmakers are invited to submit their works for consideration across various categories.

Submission Deadlines:

- 31 March 2025 (for films premiering between 1 June 2024 – 31 March 2025)
- 31 July 2025 (for films premiering between 1 April – 31 July 2025)
- 15 September 2025 (for films premiering between 1 August – 30 September 2025)

Organizer: European Film Academy

Who It's For: European filmmakers with feature fiction, documentary, or animated films intended for theatrical release

Submit your film [here](#)

About

The [European Film Academy](#) is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and promoting European cinema. Founded in 1988, the Academy seeks to support and connect its 5,000 members and celebrates and promotes their work. Its aims are to share knowledge and to educate audiences of all ages about European cinema. Positioning itself as a leading organisation and facilitating crucial debates within the industry,

the Academy strives to unite everyone who loves European cinema, culminating annually in the Month of European Film and the European Film Awards, by including European film heritage in its portfolio and by expanding its focus on young audiences through the European Film Club.

European Film Academy Productions

Founded in 2006 to produce the European Film Awards Ceremony for television, European Film Academy Productions gGmbH is the in-house production company of the European Film Academy e.V.

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for the 2026 European Film Awards, submitted films must:

- Be directed by a European filmmaker
- Have their first official screening (festival or cinema release) between 1 June 2024 and 30 September 2025
- Be produced in a European country (including EU and non-EU nations, Israel, and Palestine)
- Be intended for theatrical release
- Meet the specific criteria for their respective award category

Eligibility for individual nominees:

Filmmakers must be born in Europe or hold a European passport. Non-European artists may be considered if they have a European refugee or similar status or have worked in the European film industry for at least five consecutive years.

For more information on the individual categories and the full regulations, please refer to the [Regulations of the European Film Awards](#).

If you would like to submit a film, please contact submit@europeanfilmawards.eu

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