



Josiah Media Festival

2026 Guidelines



Who Can Submit

The Josiah Media Festival is open to filmmakers around the world 21 years old or younger!

Filmmakers must have been born on or after August 31st, 2005 OR must have been 21 years old or younger at the time the submitted film was completed. All key crew members on the film – writer, director, editor and director of photography - must have also been 21 years old or younger at the time the submitted film was completed (this does not include any actors in the film).

Film Submission Requirements

- Films must be submitted as High-Definition (720p minimum) .AVI, .MOV, .MPG, or .MP4 video files that are downloadable through a supplied link (via YouTube, Vimeo, Hightail, Dropbox, Googledrive, etc.). Playable-DVDs will not be accepted.
- All submitted files must be PC-compatible; do not use Mac-proprietary codecs or file formats.
- All submitted files must be less than 2 gigabytes in size; please compress all files larger than 2 GB.
- All films must be in English or include embedded English subtitles in the film.
- Filmmakers will be asked to resubmit their film if the submitted file's resolution is too low/poor.
- SD files are acceptable only if the submitted work was also filmed in Standard-Definition (480i).
- Films must not exceed 20 minutes total-run-time (this includes all credit sequences within the film).
- All music and other copyright material must be used with permission of the copyright holders.
- All films submitted must have been completed within two years of the August 31st, 2026 submission deadline (production completed on or after August 31st, 2024).
- Filmmakers currently over 21 years old can still submit a film that was completed when they were 21 or younger as long as the film was completed on or after August 31st, 2024.
- All film submissions MUST be accompanied with a completed Entry Form and a completed and signed Filmmaker's Release Form. Filmmakers that do not send both forms will be disqualified.

Entry Form Submission Requirements

The submission deadline is August 31st, 2026.

Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than August 31st, 2026 and mailed to:

Josiah Media Festival
2500 S Presa
San Antonio, TX 78210

Submissions can be entered digitally by email and through our FilmFreeway submission platform. Digital submission materials must be emailed to JosiahFestival@Urban15.org by the deadline. For more information, email JosiahFestival@Urban15.org or visit www.JosiahMediaFestival.com.

Josiah Media Festival | 2500 S. Presa, San Antonio, Texas, 78210
(210) 736-1500 | www.JosiahMediaFestival.com | JosiahFestival@urban15.org

Please write legibly and fill in all applicable areas of the Entry Form and the Filmmaker's Release Form. All information that is necessary to verify eligibility must be provided.

Primary festival correspondence will be exchanged through the email address provided in the Entry Form, so each filmmaker must provide a current email address and check regularly for festival updates and awards announcements.

A Faculty and/or Mentor email address is not solely sufficient. Please note that filmmakers may not be eligible for awards or prizes if they do not provide a personal email address.

Film Categories

The Josiah Media Festival categories are *Narrative, Documentary, Animation and Experimental*.

If the submitting filmmaker is unsure of the category in which to submit their film, the Josiah Media Festival Committee will assign it to the most suitable category. The Josiah Media Festival Committee reserves the right to reassign the category of any submitted film as they deem fit and/or necessary.

Award Ceremony and Prize Rules

Cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third-place winners in each of the four film categories. Award certificates, laurels and letters will also be awarded to the winners in each of the four categories. Cash prizes will be sent primarily through PayPal, if available in your country.

All local filmmakers must be in attendance at the Josiah Media Festival Awards Ceremony in order to receive their awards and prizes. Awards and prizes will not be mailed or delivered to local filmmakers. Local filmmakers understand that they forfeit their award and prize(s) if they are not in attendance at the awards ceremony.

All winning-filmmakers outside of San Antonio, Texas will be asked to accept their awards and prizes via Zoom interview or film a short acceptance video to be played during the ceremony. Awards and prizes will be sent out to non-local filmmakers following the award ceremony.

Filmmakers must email JosiahFestival@Urban15.org if they are unable to attend the ceremony and would like to Zoom in or film an acceptance video.

The URBAN-15 Group reserves the right to withhold or retract any cash prizes awarded.

Please Note

The URBAN-15 Group reserves the right to use still images/screenshots and/or short clips from any film that is submitted to the festival for publicity, promotional purposes, or future events, in perpetuity.

All submitting filmmakers and their film crew will receive FREE admission to all screenings and workshops held during the 2026 Josiah Media Festival!

The Josiah Media Festival is supported, in part, by the City of San Antonio's Department of Arts and Culture, The San Antonio Film Commission, VuTURE ART, and the Friends of URBAN-15.



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2026 Entry Form

Submission Deadline August 31st, 2026



Please fill in all applicable information on the Entry Form.

FILMMAKER INFORMATION

Submitting Filmmaker's Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____

Date of Birth: Month-____ Day-____ Year-____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Additional Crew Phone: _____

SOCIAL MEDIA CONTACT INFORMATION (if applicable)

Facebook Address: Facebook.com/ _____ Instagram Username: @ _____

WhatsApp: Username- _____ / Phone- _____ YouTube: Youtube.com/ _____

MENTOR INFORMATION (if applicable)

Affiliate Media Center/School: _____

Faculty/Mentor Name: _____ Phone: _____

Faculty/Mentor Email: _____

FILM INFORMATION

Film Title: _____

Film Length: _____ File Format: _____ Film Resolution: ☐ SD ☐ HD

Category: ☐ Narrative ☐ Documentary ☐ Animation ☐ Experimental

Short Synopsis of Film: _____

PRODUCTION CREW INFORMATION

Director: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Screenwriter: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Editor: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Director of Photography: _____ Date of Birth: _____



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2026 Filmmaker Release Form



Submission Deadline is August 31st, 2026

For Mailed Submissions:

Josiah Media Festival
2500 S. Presa
San Antonio, TX 78210

For Digital Submissions:

Call - (210) 736-1500
Email - josiahfestival@urban15.org

I have read the Josiah Media Festival Guidelines completely and fully understand the rules for submission and have followed them to the best of my ability.

If my film is selected to be screened, I give the URBAN-15 Group permission to use my film (screenshots and/or clips) for the purposes of promoting the Josiah Media Festival.

If accepted to the festival, I will be available for email, radio, print, and/or television interviews.

If my film is accepted, I can provide an image of myself (head shot, selfie, self-portrait, etc.) to be used before the screening of my film.

By signing, I agree to all of the terms listed above.

Submitting Filmmaker's Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name (if applicable): _____

Parent's/Guardian's Phone (if applicable): _____

Submitting Filmmaker's Signature: _____

Date: _____

To complete your application, make sure that all of the following submission materials are sent, digitally or by mail, to the Josiah Media Festival. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted!

☐ 1. Film

☐ 2. Entry Form

☐ 3. Filmmaker's Release Form

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