

# QUEEN CITY FILM FESTIVAL (QCFF) 2023 RULES

The ELEVENTH ANNUAL Queen City Film Festival (QCFF) will be held October 5-8, 2023 at The Venue At Mezzos in Cumberland, Maryland. Submissions open January 1, 2023 and close July 31, 2023.

**Categories for QCFF 2023:** Animation, Appalachian, LGBT, Cult, Documentary, Horror/SciFi, Music, and Social Justice. Foreign language submissions are welcome in all categories as appropriate, but there is no separate Foreign Language category.

Any films that have previously screened publicly in Cumberland, Maryland, or have aired publicly on US broadcast or commercial cable television, are NOT eligible. Feature films that are available for free online viewing in their entirety are NOT eligible. (Online viewing commonly waived for short films.)

Films with distribution agreements which may require a screening fee may not be submitted without specific prior approval. Submission without prior approval constitutes agreement to waive screening fees.

Films completed more than three years before the festival dates are NOT eligible. Works in progress are NOT eligible for a Category Award.

Online submissions are welcome via FilmFreeway, subject to the additional terms and conditions of that site. You may also submit by mail on NTSC DVD or Blu-ray disc, or on USB drive (.MP4 max 1920x1080p). No other formats will be accepted by mail. Submissions will not be returned.

Please include a trailer (preview). Please include a press kit including full cast/crew credits. You may include a filmed introduction to the film, not to exceed 1/10th of the running length of the submission.

If your submission is not in English, English subtitles must be included (hard subs preferred). Waived for Music Videos.

You grant rights for royalty-free exhibition within the festival dates. You grant rights to royalty-free use of trailers and related promotional materials.

**Deadline:** Your signed entry form, NTSC DVD, Blu-ray, or USB media, and press kit must be received by July 31, 2023. Please send your submission to:

**Allegany Allied Arts, Inc.**

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