

**18th Fresh Wave International Short Film Festival –
Local Competition
Application Guidelines for First Round Selection**

- ❖ “Fresh Wave International Short Film Festival” (hereinafter as “Fresh Wave”) aims to promote and encourage local short film production, and to discover and nurture young talents by providing funding support and a platform for showcasing their works, while enhancing their technical skills and the film’s quality through trainings.
- ❖ The 18th Fresh Wave International Short Film Festival - Local Competition (hereinafter as “the Competition”) is now open for application. Details are as below.

First Round Selection

1. Eligibility

- 1.1. Applicant must be a Hong Kong permanent resident, who have the right of abode or the right to land or to remain in Hong Kong without restriction, i.e. the letter “A”, “R” or “U” should appear below the date of birth on the HKID card. For details of the meaning of symbols, please visit the website of the Immigration Department (<http://www.immd.gov.hk>).
- 1.2. Each application can be submitted by no more than two applicants, both of them must fulfil the following requirements and provide their own information for consideration.
- 1.3. Aged between 18 and 35 years old as at the deadline of submitting the application (30th January, 2023).
- 1.4. Education background is not a consideration.
- 1.5. Qualification: Fresh Wave International Short Film Festival aims at providing a platform for young filmmakers who are yet to join the professional fields to make short films. Hence, those who have served as key creative personnel (i.e., director, scriptwriter or cinematographer) in a commercially released feature film (including works on online channels) cannot participate in the Competition.
- 1.6. An applicant who has been shortlisted to enter the Competition must be the director for the application, and shall form his / her own team, in which the scriptwriter and cinematographer must be Hong Kong permanent residents aged 18 to 35 years old (refer to Items 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3).
- 1.7. The applicant cannot participate in the Competition as the same key creative personnel (i.e. director, screenwriter and cinematographer) in 2 consecutive years. Applicants who were shortlisted to enter the 17th Fresh Wave International Short Film Festival -

Local Competition as director or scriptwriter or cinematographer are not eligible to take up the same position again in the Competition.

- 1.8. The applicant cannot participate in the Competition as the same creative personnel (i.e., director, scriptwriter and cinematographer) for more than 2 times. Applicants who were shortlisted to enter into the “Fresh Wave Short Film Competition” or the “Fresh Wave International Short Film Festival - Local Competition” (both Open and Student Divisions) as director or scriptwriter or cinematographer for 2 times are not eligible to take up the same position again in the Competition.
- 1.9. Each person can submit only one application.

2. Materials Required for Application

Applicants may submit the application form with required materials via online platform, mail or in person.

2.1 Online platform (art-mate):

Complete the online application form at <https://www.art-mate.net/doc/65170>, including:

- curriculum vitae;
- softcopy of the HKID card in JPEG or PNG format;
- softcopy of a recent passport photo in JPEG or PNG format (in the past one year);
- experience in filmmaking;
- relevant local or overseas awards received (if any);
- a viewing link of a previous work;
- **Production Proposal (The proposed work must be original): Film Title (Tentative), Logline (No more than 50 words), Synopsis (No more than 600 words) and Treatment (No more than 800 words);** and
- pay a non-refundable application fee of HKD200 through PayMe, Apple Pay, Google Pay, Paypal or by credit card.

2.2 Submission by post / in person:

Submit both hardcopy and softcopy (DVD/USB) of the completed application form, including:

- curriculum vitae;
- a copy of HKID card (softcopy in JPEG or PNG format);
- a recent passport photo (in the past one year, softcopy in JPEG or PNG format);
- experience in filmmaking;
- relevant local or overseas awards received (if any);
- a viewing link of a previous work;

- Production Proposal (The proposed work must be original): **Film Title (Tentative), Logline (No more than 50 words), Synopsis (No more than 600 words) and Treatment (No more than 800 words)**; and
- pay a non-refundable application fee of HKD200 with a crossed cheque (Payee Name: Fresh Wave Film Festival Limited, with applicant's name in bilingual, contact number and HKID number written at the back).

to Fresh Wave Office by post / in person

- Address: Room 601, Pan Asia Centre, 137 Wai Yip Street, Kwun Tong
- Office Hour: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Monday - Friday)

Applications without sufficient or relevant materials will not be processed.

2.3 The previous work submitted for the First Round Selection **MUST** fulfil the following requirements:

- a. Please upload your previous work to online streaming channel or sharing space (e.g YouTube, Vimeo, Google Drive) and provide the download / viewing link in the application form;
- b. The submitted previous work should be a completed production of a fiction short film or feature film in full-length or an excerpt (If your previous work is over 10 minutes, please edit and submit the edited excerpt **within 10 minutes** for viewing);
- c. The applicant **MUST** be the director of the film;
- d. Name of applicant **MUST** be shown in open or end credits to verify he / she directs the film;
- e. The submitted work **MUST** be produced **on or after 1st January 2020**; and
- f. **If the work submitted does not fulfil the above requirements, the application will not be processed.**

3. The Handling of Personal Data and Other Information

Personal data and other information contained in the application form are collected for the sole purpose of entering into this Competition and its adjudication, and governed by Cap. 486 Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance.

3.1 According to paragraph 2.3.3 of the “Code of Practice on the Identity Card Number and other Personal Identifiers” issued by the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (hereinafter as “the Code”), Fresh Wave Film Festival Limited (hereinafter as “FWFFL”) may collect the HKID card number / copy of the Applicant’s identity card to verify his or her identity and eligibility.

- 3.2 After submitting an application form, all Applicants are deemed to agree to allow FWFFL to use such information. If the Applicant does not wish to receive any publicity materials from the FWFFL or related organisations, please notify FWFFL in writing.
- 3.3 According to Principle 6 in Appendix 1 of the Code, an Applicant has the right to know if FWFFL holds personal data related to him / her and may obtain a copy of the data from FWFFL and to amend any inaccurate information contained therein. Requests should be submitted in writing and addressed to the FWFFL.

4. Selection Arrangement

- 4.1 Professionals in the film industry will be invited by the FWFFL to be the examiners of the First Round Selection. Tentatively no more than 20 applicants will be selected for the Competition to receive at maximum a production subsidy of HKD100,000, based on the following criteria:
- a. relevant experience of the Applicant in filmmaking;
 - b. idea of the content and treatment of the proposed work; and
 - c. artistic merits of the previous work.
- 4.2 FWFFL will invite the selected Applicant to submit a detailed script and present his / her application in an interview for shortlisting.
- 4.3 FWFFL reserves the right to decide on the final number and selection of the shortlisted Applicants (hereinafter as “Entrants”) for the Competition.

5. Deadline and Results Announcement

- 5.1 Individuals who are interested to enter the First Round Selection of the Competition are invited to submit the materials required as listed above to the FWFFL **on or before 6 p.m., 30th January, 2023 (Monday)**. Late applications submitted in any format will not be accepted. Please note that -
- a. Submissions by post are accepted according to the date of the postmark; and
 - b. Online applications are accepted according to the submission time automatically recorded by the system.
- 5.2 Results on the Entrants of the Competition will be announced in June or July 2023. The FWFFL will inform the Entrants individually by calling and email. The results will also be announced on the website (www.freshwave.hk) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/freshwavehk).

6. Timeline

Application Submission Deadline	30 th January 2023 (Monday) 6 p.m. (Hong Kong Time)
Process applications	January to April 2023

Submission of a detailed script (For selected applicants)	April to May 2023
Interview (For selected applicants)	May to June 2023
Announcement of results	June to July 2023
Production Period	July 2023 to January 2024
18 th Fresh Wave International Short Film Festival - Public Screenings - Final Jury Meeting - Closing and Awards Presentation Ceremony	June 2024

- 7. The FWFFL reserves the right to alter any of the rules and regulations stipulated for the Competition without prior notice to all Applicants. Please check the FWFFL's updated information on the website.**

Requirement of the Competition

- Entrants will be required to produce a short fiction film of 10 to 30 minutes for the Competition during the period from July 2023 to January 2024. The film produced for the Competition must be an original production during the period of the Competition. No graduation project or school assignment is allowed.
- The FWFFL will provide production subsidy (maximum at HKD100,000) to each Entrant who shall be responsible for any excess expenditure required to complete the film produced for the Competition. The production subsidy will be paid by instalments. Entrants are required to submit all production receipts to the FWFFL to ensure that the subsidy is properly spent. Any unspent subsidy must be returned to the FWFFL.
- Entrants have to attend the activities of the 18th Fresh Wave International Short Film Festival, including briefing sessions, workshops, the Press Conference, the Opening Ceremony, the Closing and Awards Presentation Ceremony and sharing sessions after each screening, etc. Details will be announced in due course.
- If Entrants fail to submit the films produced for the Competition to the FWFFL on time, he / she will be disqualified from participating in the Competition, screenings and all related activities. The FWFFL has the right to request the Entrants to return all production subsidies.
- Submitted works will be screened publicly in cinemas during the 18th Fresh Wave International Short Film Festival.
- The FWFFL will invite a panel of Jurors comprising local and international film experts for the final adjudication of the Competition. These films will compete for various awards.
- Entrants will compete for prizes of "Audience Award", "Best Cinematography", "Best Screenplay", "Best Director" and the Grand Prize "Fresh Wave Award".

8. The guidelines for film submission, adjudication arrangement, authorisation from and guarantee by Entrants of the Competition and screening arrangement will be announced to Entrants in due course.
9. The guidelines for First Round Selection shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Hong Kong.

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