

2012 Rules for Films

1. Films can be any length, any genre with the following exceptions: Only films under 30 minutes will be accepted in the genres of Animation, Experimental and Student Showcase and features must be limited to 120 minutes.
2. Films should feature some kind of journey--physical, emotional, intellectual or spiritual.
3. Submissions may be submitted online or on NTSC DVD in Region 0 or Region 1 format. If selected for the festival, a NTSC DVD must be provided.
4. Please indicate WAB tracking number and running time on the DVD.
6. Submit a separate entry for each film submission.
7. Foreign language films must have English subtitles.
8. Student fees apply to students in elementary and secondary schools, as well as students in colleges, universities and film schools.
9. DVDs will not be returned.
10. Submissions must be postmarked by August 1, 2012. Make checks payable to Route 66 Film Festival.
11. If submitting by DVD, send DVD, application form, fee, and a short bio of the filmmaker to:

Route 66 International Film Festival
Tom Szyrka
848 Independence Ridge
Springfield, IL 62702

12. Please do not send extra materials unless requested.

Trophies will be awarded for judges' choices in various categories including Best of Fest and Audience Favorite in the categories of Comedy, Drama, Debut and Illinois films. The Lincoln Award will be presented to the best film featuring Abraham Lincoln or a historical theme (fact or fiction, comic or serious). This year's special theme is Apocalyptic Films. The committee reserves the right not to present awards in all categories and to add categories for films that merit special recognition.