The Path to the Oscar: Flowchart for Filmmakers

Make a short film (under 40 minutes)

Submit your film to qualified festivals*

Rent a theatre for a week in Los Angeles

**Screen your short for a week

Win an award by a qualified festival

Submit to the Academy Awards

Win the Oscar!

**The screening of your film must charge admission, be open to the general public and run for at least three consecutive days with minimum two screenings per day

*Short films qualifying festival list (The list may change)

1. ACADEMIA DE LAS ARTES Y LAS CIENCIAS CINEMATOGRÁFICAS DE ESPAÑA (Spain)
2. ACADÉMIE DES ARTS ET TECHNIQUE DU CINÉMA (France)
3. ACADÉMIE CANADIENNE DE LA CINÉMATOGRAPHIE ET DU VISIONNAIRE (Canada)
4. AFIFEST (California, USA)
5. ANNIK, THE BRUSSELS ANIMATION FILM FESTIVAL (Belgium)
6. ANISHA MAHER (Brazil)
7. ANISHA'S AGAUB - WORLD FESTIVAL OF ANIMATED FILM (France)
8. ANimations Festival (Belgium, USA)
9. ANIMES INTERNATIONAL ANIMATION FILM FESTIVAL (France)
10. ASPEN SHORTSFEST (Colorado, USA)
11. AURIS INTERNATIONAL FILM (and VIDEO) FESTIVAL (Ireland)
12. ATLANTA FILM FESTIVAL (Georgia, USA)
13. AUSTIN FILM FESTIVAL (Texas, USA)
14. BERNER FILM FESTIVAL (Switzerland)
15. BERLINALE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (Germany)
16. BILBAO INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF CINEMA (Bermuda)
17. BLACK HERALD SHORT FILM FESTIVAL (Scotland)
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19. CANNES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (France)
20. CANTAGalli INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (Ireland)
21. CINCINNATI INTERNATIONAL CHINESE FILM FESTIVAL (Ohio, USA)
22. CINCINNATI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (Ohio, USA)
23. CINEMA ITALIANO (California, USA)
24. CLEVELAND INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL (Florida, USA)
25. CORN FILM FESTIVAL (Ireland)
26. CORSICA CINEMA (France)
27. DUBAI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (U.A.E.)
28. DURBAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (U.A.Z.)
29. ENCORE SHORT FILM AND ANIMATION FESTIVAL (USA)
30. FIRSTKIST INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL (Ireland)
31. FLANDERS FILM FESTIVAL (Ireland)
32. GACAY FILM FESTIVAL (Ireland)
33. GERMAN SHORT FILM AWARD (Germany)
34. Gothenburg International Film Festival (Sweden)
35. GUGLIELMO RUGGIERI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (Italy)
36. HAMPTON'S INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (New York, USA)
37. HEARTLAND FILM FESTIVAL (Indiana, USA)
38. HUNGARIAN INTERNATIONAL ANIMATION FESTIVAL (Ireland)
39. IHEUCA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (Spain)
40. JERUSALEM FILM FESTIVAL (Israel)
41. KHARAR FILM FESTIVAL (Pakistan)
42. KILOD INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (U.K.)
43. LUXEUS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL FOR DOCUMENTARY AND ANIMATED FILM (Canada)
44. LEYTON INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL (Belgium)
45. LIUZHOU INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (Switzerland)
46. LOS ANGELES FILM FESTIVAL (California, USA)
47. LA SHORTS FILM FESTIVAL (California, USA)
48. MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL (Australia)
49. MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (Canada)
50. MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (U.S.S.R.)
51. NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL CHINESE FILM FESTIVAL (New York, USA)
52. NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (Canada)
53. NVIDIA INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL (U.S.A.)
54. OSTENSBURG INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL (Germany)
55. PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL (California, USA)
56. PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (U.S.A.)
57. RANDAZZO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (Philippines)
58. RIO DE JANEIRO INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL (Brazil)
59. RIVERRUN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (North Carolina, USA)
60. SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (California, USA)
61. SANTA MONICA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (California, USA)
62. SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (Washington, USA)
63. SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL (Washington, USA)
64. SHOW REEL FILM FESTIVAL (Washington, USA)
65. SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (California, USA)
66. SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL (Australia)
67. SYDNEY SHORT FILM FESTIVAL (U.K.)
68. TEL-AVIV FILM FESTIVAL (Israel)
69. THE BRIGHTER SIDE SHORT FILM FESTIVAL (North Carolina, USA)
70. SICOPH (USA)
71. SIGEP INTERNATIONAL FANTASTIC FILM FESTIVAL OF ASTURIA (Spain)
72. SOLOMON'S FILM FESTIVAL (Ohio, USA)
73. SOUTH BY SOUTHWEST (Texas, USA)
74. ST. LOUIS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (Missouri, USA)
75. SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL (Utah, USA)
76. SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL (Ohio, USA)
77. SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL (Australasia)
78. TEL-AVIV FILM FESTIVAL (Tel-Aviv, USA)
79. TULSA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (Ohio, USA)
80. UBURJAN INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL (U.S.A.)
81. VENICE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (U.S.A.)
82. WARSAW FILM FESTIVAL (Poland)
83. WINTERFEST INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL (Switzerland)