



### **2020 Eligibility and Submission Requirements**

- The applicant must be at least 18 years of age by the submission deadline.
- The applicant must be an “independent” film/media maker. This means the applicant has artistic, budgetary and editorial control of their project. Also, he or she must be able to legally grant WMHT the right to broadcast the short film.
- Applicants must have all rights cleared for their submitted short film. Rights include all persons and entities connected with the production, music and literary material on which it is based.
- Short films must meet community broadcast standards and requirements.
- The maximum length for film submissions is 22 minutes.
- Applicants must reside in the viewing area of WMHT-TV. This includes Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Ulster, Warren and Washington counties.
- Applicants grant WMHT Educational Telecommunications limited rights to broadcast their film (in part or entirety) on TV, the Web or any other media. WMHT will also have the right to reproduce and distribute all images, titles, and related materials for the purpose of advertising and promotion, including public screenings.
- Films can be any genre or visual style. We will also consider works-in-progress that meet the above criteria.
- All submissions must include a completed entry form, synopsis of the film, filmmaker bio and the URL for where the film can be viewed online (YouTube, Vimeo, etc.). The URL link must remain active through June 2020.
- All previous film submissions to TvFILM are not eligible for re-submission.
- The submission deadline is Friday, May 1, 2020.

#### **NOTE:**

Selected filmmakers will be asked to submit at their expense a copy of their film in a HD digital file format for broadcast.

Selected filmmakers will be required to complete a Music Cue Sheet detailing information for on each piece of music used in the film, including: the writer(s), publisher(s), usage of the music (background, theme, etc.), performance rights, length of the music, and song title.

Selected short films will be broadcast in a 16 x9 HD format. Short films that are not 16x9 will be altered to accommodate the programs' 16x9 aspect ratio.