



## 2011 Submissions Guidelines

On August 5 and 6, 2011 the Ballston Spa Business and Professional Association (BSBPA) will present the Second Annual Ballston Spa Film Festival in Wiswall Park and other locations in the Village of Ballston Spa, NY. The Festival showcases short films from around the world as well those by local student filmmakers. Hollywood film professionals will judge the entrants to determine award winners in the young filmmaker and several general categories.

Many films will be screened outdoors in an public park. No film will be accepted if it features excessive violence or gore, foul language or nudity. If your film were to be rated by the MPAA it should qualify for a G, PG or possibly PG-13 rating. Each film you enter must have a separate completed entry form and entry fee.

Student films should be between three and ten minutes total running time. Non-student films must be between three and fifteen minutes total running time and submitted on DVD. Submissions will not be returned. Deadline for entries is March, 31, 2011.

Awards will be given for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Screenplay, Best Editing, Best New Film (must be a world premiere at our festival), Young Filmmaker Best Picture (High School), Young Filmmaker Best Picture (College).

The Young Filmmaker category is limited to filmmakers 21 years of age and younger as of May 1, 2011.

Filmmakers selected for our festival screenings will be notified by May 1, 2011. Of those a subset will be screened before our judges panel and will be in contention for our awards.

If selected you should be prepared to send production/publicity stills for your film at hi-resolution (not video frame grabs).

If you elect to be considered for our Best of the Fest compilation your work may be screened at venues beyond those of the BSFF and on dates other than our festival's dates.

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## 2011 Submissions Application

Name of Film \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Film \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Role in Production ( ) Director ( ) Producer ( ) Writer

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Your Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature below grants the BSBPA the right to exhibit your film in public, and use clips or still images from it in our marketing materials if it is selected for the festival.

You certify and agree this film is not subject to any litigation nor is any threatened, you are authorized to submit this film for public exhibition, and all statements in this agreement are true.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

( ) I am a student under 21 and am submitting as a young filmmaker.

( ) I am under 18 yrs. Of age and my parent or guardian is also signing the agreement.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

Attach to this application a 200 word summary of your film and a 100 word biography of the filmmaker.

Enclose with your submission a \$20 entry fee by 1/20/10, \$25 fee by 3/31/10, \$5 for young filmmakers.

Submit your film on DVD only to Ballston Spa Film Festival, 39 McMaster St. Ballston Spa, NY 12020  
Please make checks payable to the BSBPA.

How did you hear about the Festival? \_\_\_\_\_

Will this screening be a premiere of your film? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes : ( ) World ( ) National

Has this film previously won awards in film festivals? List them :

( ) I would like my film to be considered for a Best of the Fest compilation and grant the additional right to screen my film in venues and dates outside of the Ballston Spa Film Festival. Your initials \_\_\_\_\_.