

GUIDELINE

SHORT FILM FESTIVAL: THE COMPETITION

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Breakthrough Short Film Festival will take place in March 2024 All short film entries must be submitted by: 25 November 2023, 12:00 AM

The Breakthrough Short Film Festival: The competition invites young Cambodians with a passion for addressing critical and cross-cutting issues like gender-based violence, social inclusion, social norms, women's rights, and women's empowerment.

WHO CAN ENTER?

- To be eligible for the Breakthrough Short Film Festival: The Competition, participants must be 18 to 34 during film production.
- The individuals featured in the short films do not necessarily have to be young; still, the short film must reflect young filmmakers' perspectives and viewpoints regarding the abovementioned topics.
- The individual submitting a short film ("the entrant") must have played an active role in its creation, whether as director, writer, camera operator, editor, actor, coordinator, or in another
- Multiple people can apply as a team to collaborate on a single short film project.
- Individuals who are immediate family members of Breakthrough co-founders are not permitted to participate in the competition.

WHY SHOULD YOU ENTER?

Are you passionate about creating positive change in your community?

The Breakthrough Short Film Festival provides the perfect platform to do just that! Participating in the competition can raise awareness of important issues such as gender-based violence, social inclusion, social norms, women's rights, and empowerment.

Unleash your creativity and talent to ignite a wave of positive change and empower others to challenge social norms and stereotypes. Your film has the potential to become a compelling tool for educating and enlightening your community, leaving a profound impact on people's lives. Embrace this chance to break through barriers and become a vital force in something more significant. Join the Breakthrough Short Film Festival now and make a difference!













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WHAT TYPES OF SHORT FILMS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE COMPETITION? WHAT FORMAT IS REQUIRED?

The entries must be:

- The entries can be of any genre (animation, documentary, music video, comedy, etc.) as long as they have the potential to make the audience think in constructive ways about the themes of the Breakthrough Short-Film Festival: The Competition: gender-based violence, social inclusion, social norms, women's rights, and women's empowerment.
- Your film must be completely original and not have been published before. It cannot include any copyrighted material or violate any intellectual property rights.
- In Khmer (optional: include English subtitles)
- Entries should be between three and seven minutes long, including the titles and opening/closing credits. If an entry falls slightly below or below the mentioned time limit, it will be evaluated and reviewed on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Breakthrough team.
- Created on or after January 1, 2020, and has yet to be submitted to competitions or published on any platforms.
- If selected, entrants must be prepared to submit a digital copy of their short film in either of the following formats: MOV (preferred), MP4, AVI, MKV, or FLV. FHD is preferred (1920×1080) but not required.

WHAT SHOULD MY SHORT FILM BE ABOUT?

 The Breakthrough recognizes young people as powerful agents of social change, and short film entries should, therefore, serve as an instrument for them to express their thoughts and opinions on one or several of the main themes of gender-based violence, social inclusion, social norms, women's rights, and women empowerment.



- Gender-based violence
- Social inclusion
- Social norms
- Women's right
- Women's Empowerment

• The entries should not contain profanities or material that some audiences may find inappropriate or offensive, nor should they be created for commercial purposes.

Note: For the entries that involve participants who have experienced gender-based violence or sensitive situations, it is crucial to obtain informed consent from all participants before filming. You must ensure they fully understand the purpose and potential impact of their involvement in the documentary. It is essential to consider the risk of exposing victims, victim-blaming, or retraumatizing survivors during the filmmaking process



We are highly recommended to have a consent form for all cast members, especially when dealing with sensitive topics such as gender-based violence. The consent form should clearly outline the nature of their involvement, the potential risks, and the rights they have regarding the use of their image and story.











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HOW TO SUBMIT MY SHORT FILM?

To submit your short film for consideration, please fill out the online form making sure to complete the form and provide all of the required information. Only complete submissions will be considered.

- To submit a short film entry, use Google Drive to upload the short film. When submitting through this option, you must provide the URL in the online form. Ensure that the film link is accessible and not set to private.
- Please note that services that involve sending files via email (such as WeTransfer and FileMail) are prohibited.

WHAT'S THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING MY VIDEO?

Submissions must be completed by 25 November 2023, 12:00 am (Cambodian Time Zone). Any short film entries received after the deadline will not be considered.

PRIZES AND SELECTION

The Breakthrough Short Film Festival Committee will evaluate the films and select the top ten short films and three winning short films for screening at the Breakthrough Short Film Festival event held in Phnom Penh. Short film selection will be based on creativity, originality, technical proficiency, and adherence to the festival's theme and guidelines.

Breakthrough has assembled a committee of distinguished experts in filmmaking, gender-based violence, social inclusion, and women's rights who will serve as judges to evaluate the festival submissions. The names of the committee members will be announced via the festival's social media channels and website later this year. Stay tuned for further updates on the selection process.





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WHAT OTHER BENEFITS ARE THERE FOR ENTRANTS?

The top 10 submissions have been selected to participate in the upcoming Breakthrough Short Film Festival, scheduled for March 2024 in Phnom Penh. Breakthrough will cover all expenses for the selected entries from the province, including transportation, accommodation, and per diem. Note: The payment must comply with the Breakthrough guidelines.

The top 10 recipients of this award have the chance to gain national exposure and connect with various professionals, peers, and organizations. They can also explore opportunities for further distribution and dissemination of their work.

We encourage you to use your imagination and creativity to tell a compelling story that captures the essence of the topics we are exploring. We look forward to receiving your submissions and wish you the best of luck in the competition!

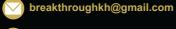
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ABOUT BREAKTHROUGH

Eleven young women from diverse backgrounds launched the Breakthrough Movement in December 2020. Their goal is to promote gender equality in Cambodia through storytelling and sharing experiences. Breakthrough is now independently managing and producing its campaigns, developing partnerships with other youth groups and civil society organizations, and securing funding for its media projects. All of the co-founders are contributing voluntarily to the cause.

Breakthrough's core value and objectives are to raise women's voices by providing a platform for sharing stories and peer learning through film production and other forms of storytelling. It aims to challenge restrictive social norms, particularly the victim-blaming culture, and practices that infringe on women's and girls' rights and freedom. It also seeks to promote women's empowerment by encouraging active participation in decision-making at all levels in Cambodia.

ABOUT BREAKTHROUGH SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

The BREAKTHROUGH Film Festival is an impactful and ambitious initiative by the Breakthrough Movement, a group of passionate and driven Cambodian women who are dedicated to promoting gender equality and eradicating gender-based discrimination that aims to inspire and empower young people to create positive change in their communities. We invite young people from all over Cambodia to showcase their work and use film as a tool to challenge social norms and shift gender stereotypes in their communities.

Our festival culminates in a high-profile youth event during the commencement of Women's Day in March 2024. We aim to empower young people to positively impact their communities and challenge cultural norms perpetuating gender-based violence. Through the power of film, we hope to promote gender equality and create a more just and equal society for all.

We encourage solidarity and collective voices between intergenerational feminists, civil society organizations, and youth groups to promote gender equality through filmmaking. Our festival provides a platform for young people to connect with like-minded individuals and organizations and work together towards achieving gender equality.

Join us at the BREAKTHROUGH Film Festival and be a part of a movement that celebrates youth culture, creativity, and activism. Together, we can, BREAKTHROUGH social norms and promote gender equality through the art of filmmaking.

Join us to BREAKTHROUGH!













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