

Understory Film Festival 2014 Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who can submit a film?

- a. Anyone filmmaker (Director, Producer, Writer or other key creative) from FNQ, preference is given to films created in the Cairns/FNQ region. If you have recently moved from the region you may still qualify.

2. What are the awards and prizes?

- a. The awards and prizes will be announced as sponsorships are finalised. Major awards will attract prize money which will include non-exclusive rights for up six screenings of the winning films during the Cairns Festival 2014 (Aug 30-Sept 2014) prior to main features.

3. Will I be paid?

- a. No, there can be no claim for compensation or payment in any form.

4. Can I submit more than one film?

- a. Yes, each film must be submitted separately on a separate application form.

5. How long or short can the film be?

- a. 8 minutes or less, including credits

6. Is there any minimum length?

- a. No minimum duration, the film can be as short as you like.

7. When does the film need to have been made?

- a. As this is the first year of Understory we are looking for local films created in the past few years.

8. Do I have to pay to enter?

- a. No. It's free.

9. Can I submit my film on video tape?

- a. No. Video files only.

10. What format should the film be in?

- a. Films can be submitted as either a downloadable Vimeo link (720p or 1080p) or a Blu-Ray or DVD - do not send the original, copies only, as material will not be returned. (Films will be compiled to Blu-Ray for screening)

11. What rating should the film be, what content is allowed in the film?

- a. The rating must pass G, PG or M guidelines. Understory will arrange classification. See www.classification.gov.au for rating guidelines or contact cp@cairns.qld.gov.au for more information.

12. Who will judge the films?

- a. A panel of film buffs, industry professionals and Council employees. JCU will have a single judge for the JCU Emerging Talent Award.

13. Will all films be screened?

- a. Depending on the quantity of submissions, films may be shortlisted for screening.

14. Is there a theme?

- a. No. You are encouraged to explore your own culture and issues which affect you. Your film can be any style including animation, documentary, drama, music video, experimental, etc.

15. What is the deadline for entries?

- a. June 10 2014, 4pm

16. What happens if my entry is shortlisted?

- a. It will be screened at the Cairns Botanical Gardens, July 19 2014. Winners will be announced after the screening and prizes awarded. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

17. What about my soundtrack?

- a. Music used within the film must abide by all copyright laws. You must guarantee that all rights have been granted for the use of music within your film. Refer to Australian Performing Rights Association: www.apra.com.au

18. How will the films be used?

- a. The Producer grants a non-exclusive license, throughout the world indefinitely, to Cairns Regional Council to show the film to the public by any means including, but not limited to, the internet, cable, satellite, and by any media yet to be devised for the purposes of Understory Film Festival including future publicity of the festival. The rights described in this agreement commence immediately upon submission of content to and continue indefinitely. However you may write to Council at any time and request termination of the non-exclusive license, whereupon Council will remove your content from Council's video hosting account and all associated distribution within 90 days.

19. What about the other people involved in the film?

- a. The Producer warrants to Cairns Regional Council that he/she has obtained all the necessary permissions/talent releases and that the film does not infringe the rights including copyright of any third party.

20. What format will the screening be in?

- a. Whatever video format you supply will be compiled to Blu-Ray disc for projection

If you have further questions please phone 4032 6628 or email cp@cairns.qld.gov.au