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Elgin Short Film Festival - Call for Entries

Elgin, IL - We're excited to invite filmmakers to take part in the 11th Annual Elgin Short Film Festival (ESFF). This is a one-of-a-kind event taking place in Elgin, IL on Saturday, September 21, 2019. The ESFF has drawn film entries from around the world making this an impressive event that has entertained film lovers since 2009. We are currently inviting filmmakers to submit their short films (20 minutes in length including credits) for competition in our festival.

This competition will allow any filmmaker to submit work, even if it has been entered into other festival competitions! We encourage submitting films in *every genre and subject matter* as long as they are within the scope of the official rules. Go to **Filmfreeway.com** for submission information and list of prizes.

Exciting components to our festival:

- **NEW FOR 2019:** ESFF will accept films that are the equivalent of an MPAA 'R' rating.
- New 25,000 lumen laser video projector for HD quality projection.
- The ESFF will feature a *Live Action* category and an *Animation* category.
- Next In Finalist - Each category will have five potential finalists. The top two, as voted on by the selection committee, will make the finals. The next three films in each category will compete to make the finals on September 12th and 13th as part of the **Elgin Fringe Festival**.
- The Top Finalist's films selected will be treated to a red carpet arrival the night of the festival and will be shown in the 1,200-seat theater of The Hemmens Cultural Center!
- Mike Toomey, comedian and integral part of the WGN morning show, returns to MC our event.
- Prizes up to \$1,000!

The excitement for this 11th annual Elgin Short Film Festival grows stronger every day. We encourage participation and look forward to receiving film submissions for the 2019 Elgin Short Film Festival. The entry fee for films submitted by August 2, 2019 is \$40. Films submitted after August 2, 2019 will have a \$50 fee. The deadline to submit films is August 23, 2019!

For a complete list of rules and regulations, and to download an application, go to:

<https://filmfreeway.com/festival/ElginShortFilmFestival>

<http://www.hemmens.org/annualfilmfestival>

<https://www.facebook.com/elginshortfilm>

Tickets to the film screening are \$10 and may be purchased at The Hemmens Box Office, online at www.hemmens.org or by phone at 847-931-5900.

The Hemmens Cultural Center, located at the corner of Symphony Way and North Grove Avenue in Elgin, IL, is easily accessible from I-90. Parking is free.

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