

Divyangjan Sashaktikaran Short Film Competition- 2017

Rules & Regulations and Application form

New Delhi

Regulations of 'Divyangjan Sashaktikaran Short Film Competition- 2017'

1. To the best of the applicant's knowledge, all of the statements below must be accurate.
2. 'Divyangjan Sashaktikaran Short Film Competition- 2017' is being organized by the Directorate of Film Festivals (DFF), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting & Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.
3. **The last date for submission has been extended till 31st August, 2017. The award function shall be held on 21st September, 2017 in Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi tentatively.**
4. The applicant is duly authorized, on his/her behalf and on the behalf of any person or entity that has ownership rights in the work, to submit to the Competition and the applicant declares that this submission is not in violation of any law or violates any right of said person or entity or that of any third party in any manner what so ever.
5. 'Divyangjan Sashaktikaran Short Film Competition 2017', its officers, as well as any of its fiscal sponsors and affiliated entities is not responsible, for any damage to, or loss of, any materials submitted by the applicant, whether that damage occurs on route to or from the competition or during the course of the competition's possession, any loss caused to the film material or otherwise, in or during the Competition or of said materials.
6. Read the guidelines and rules and regulation for applying for the ' Divyangjan Sashaktikaran Short Film Competition 2017'.

Submission Guidelines

1. Entries open only for short films shot in HD format in the following categories:
 - a) Short Documentaries on Accessible India Campaign, DEPwD **(not more than 30 minutes.)**
 - b) Short Films on following themes: **(not more than 5 minutes.)**
 - I. Benefits of scholarship granted to Persons with Disabilities
 - II. Benefits of ADIP scheme camps and assistive devices to Persons with Disabilities
 - III. Benefits of loans granted to Persons with Disabilities
 - IV. Benefits of accessible buildings to Persons with Disabilities
 - V. Benefits of skilling Persons with Disabilities
 - VI. Benefits of NGOs working for Persons with Disabilities

c) TV Spots on Accessible India Campaign, DEPwD (**not more than 50 seconds.**)

Rules and Regulations

1. Open to all interested applicants.
2. The films can be made in any of the listed official languages of India and must be subtitled in English.
3. The film can be shot on any electronic device.
4. The film must be produced in the last one year preceding the Competition, i.e. with effect from 9 August, 2016.
5. The competition shall carry the following awards–

a) Short Documentaries on Accessible India Campaign, DEPwD (not more than 30 mins.)

1st prize – 5, 00,000/- (Five lakhs)

2nd prize – Rs 3, 00,000/- (Three lakhs)

For more information check www.accessibleindia.gov.in and www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in

b) Short Films on following themes: (not more than 5 mins)

One prize only – Rs. 4, 00, 000 (Four lakhs) for each category mentioned below:

i. Benefits of scholarship granted to Persons with Disabilities

The Department is implementing six scholarship schemes for Students with Disabilities. The brief features schemes are given below:

- Pre-matric Scholarship for students with Disabilities (for class ix & x)
- Post matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities (for class XI to Post Graduation)
- Scholarship for top class education for Students with Disabilities (for PG studies in notified institutions such as IITs and IIMs)
- National Fellowship for Persons with Disabilities (for M.Phil/ Ph.D courses in India)
- National Overseas Scholarship for Students with Disabilities (For Masters' Degree and Ph.D in abroad)
- Free Coaching to Students with Disabilities (the scheme provides financial assistance to PwDs for coaching to appear in competitive examinations for Govt. jobs and for admission in technical and professional courses.)

(Check for info: <http://disabilityaffairs.gov.in>)

ii. Benefits of aids and assistive devices to Persons with Disabilities

The main objective of the 'Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase / Fitting of Aids and Appliances' (ADIP) scheme is to provide grants-in-aid to the various implementing agencies so that they are in a position to assist Persons with Disabilities in procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactures, modern, standard aids and appliances to promote physical, social and psychological rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities through reducing the effects of disabilities and at the same time enhance their economic potential.

(Check for info: <https://goo.gl/Tgxnen>)

iii. Benefits of loans granted to Persons with Disabilities

National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) functions as an apex institution for channelizing the funds for the benefit of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) through the state channelizing Agencies. NHFDC offers financial assistance in the form of concessional loans on convenient terms for setting up income generating unit to all eligible Indian Citizens with 40% or more disability and aged above 18 years.

(Check for info <https://goo.gl/zhB4Uk>)

iv. Benefits of accessible buildings to Persons with Disabilities

Several government buildings are being made under Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA).

(Check for info: <http://accessibleindia.gov.in>)

v. Benefits of skilling Persons with Disabilities

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has launched the National Action Plan for skill training of Persons with Disabilities in collaboration with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). The feature of the scheme is to improve vocational training and employment opportunities for people with Disabilities for enhancing the quality of life for individual with disability and their families.

(Check the link: <https://goo.gl/muHQhq>)

vi. Benefits of NGOs working for Persons with Disabilities

The financial assistance is provided to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for projects relating to rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities, it is aimed at enabling them to reach and maintain their optical physical, sensory, intellectual, psychological and social functional levels through sub-components.

(Check the link: <https://goo.gl/6diYGT>)

For more information on schemes check www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in

- c) TV Spots on Accessible India Campaign, DEPwD (not more than 50 seconds.)**
1st prize- Rs. 5, 00,000/- (Five lakhs)
2nd prize- Rs. 3, 00,000/- (Three lakhs)

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6. Application form must be submitted ONLINE at accessfilms2017@gmail.com and send a hard copy along with the screener (Blu-ray / USB Drive only). The hard copy along with screener must be received by DFF on or before 08.08.2017.

7. The applicant must certify that they have the right to participate in the Film Competition with regard to parties connected with the production/distribution of the participating film and / or other right holders/licenses.

8. The Short Film Competition reserves the right to use materials received on their part for advertising purposes and for promoting campaign of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) (DEPwD).

9. Since the theme of the films is on creating awareness about Accessible India Campaign and schemes of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) , it is expected that the contents of the films would be suitable for universal viewing.

10. Along with the application, the applicant has to email the filmmaker's photograph (300 dpi) and film stills in digital format.
11. The applicant should ensure that the address/email shared in the application is correct as it may be used for communication.
12. If a film has not been selected, Directorate of Film Festivals, Information & Broadcasting & Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India will not in any way whatsoever provide any justification and / or comments regarding the reasons for non-selection of a film.
13. Furthermore, the applicant undertakes to indemnify and keep Directorate of Film Festivals, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India indemnified against all liabilities, claims, demands, actions, costs, damages or loss arising out of the submission, acceptance and/or screening of the film and/or use or non-use of the material.
14. The applicant will be disqualified if it is found that any of the above claims made by applicant are found to be false. The applicant will be wholly responsible for matters related to copyright issues with regard to the content being submitted to DFF for competition. DFF will not be liable for any legal cases related to copyright issues of the submitted entries.

Note: - All award winning films will become the sole property of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. The Directors and the Producers/ Right holders of the film will agree to this clause.

Freight and Other Charges

All shipping costs of the submitted Blu-ray /USB DRIVE and/or material must be borne by the applicant. Only the non-selected Blu-ray/USB DRIVE and/or Material will be returned to the Applicant. All submissions should be sent directly to the DFF address given below with 'For Cultural Use Only' and 'Without Commercial Value' clearly marked on the envelope.

Please send in your Blu-ray/USB Drive (in specified format) to the following address –

Directorate of Film Festivals
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
Government of India
Siri Fort Auditorium Complex,
August Kranti Marg,
New Delhi- 110049