

FAQ - CPFF Scholarship

What is a narrative film?

A narrative film is a film that traditionally has a beginning middle and end. They also include the utilization of story and plot. They can be animated or use real life interviews.

Applicants should produce a short film that demonstrates their ability to tell a narrative related to Palestine or being Palestinian. This can be a comedy, a drama, a romance, sci-fi, horror or mix of any genres. Documentaries will be accepted as long as they tell a story and are not a series of unrelated interviews.

If you need more clarification on what narrative film looks like, here are some links to some 3–5 minute narrative films:

<https://vimeo.com/4112948>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uCyouRKHdW0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKyh2ugjiE4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6FCGZOuvHkE>

What should my film be about?

We are looking for films that are thematically relevant to Palestine. This means that your film will be considered if it has one or more characters of Palestinian descent, it relates to Palestine thematically and the audience can easily draw this conclusion.

Here is an example of a film with a Palestinian theme:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szF6hIUk_mE

What should my essay be about?

Your essay should be well-written, grammatically correct (Proofread!) about what being Palestinian means to you. Use the 500 words to explore your personal Palestinian identity. The essay gives us as an opportunity to get to know you and tell us your honest views on who you are and how you relate that to Palestine as your country of origin.

Will I be judged on production quality?

Picture quality will not be taken into account as long as your film is watchable and the audio is clear. It should have the quality of a good YouTube video.

Applicants are not expected to be professional filmmakers.

Test the camera on your smart phone. In the right light it has excellent picture quality.

Can anyone help me?

Yes, but no one should be able to claim ownership of your film or the story. You should be the director and the producer. If you make it to the final round you need to be able to discuss the filmmaking process and we may ask to contact some of your team for further clarification.

How do I know if CPFF has received my full submission?

Applicants will receive an email 1-2 weeks after the submission deadline confirming receipt. Please do not contact us to confirm receipt. If you submitted the entry form, we got it.

Remember to take a few minutes to make sure your entry form has all the required information before you hit submit.

When will I find out CPFF's decision?

Five first round finalists will be notified of their status by early August. The second and final round will be an in-person interview with CPFF. Inability to schedule an interview in person or via Skype is cause to forfeit the scholarship entry.

How does CPFF make its decisions?

All submitted films will be reviewed by the CPFF Committee and designated partners. The committee identifies films with outstanding content, storytelling, and vision. The committee will also read and rate the essays on clarity, content and vision.

The five applicants whose films and essays rank the highest will be contacted for an in-person interview. Final decisions will be made based on the film, essay, and the interview.