

# **8<sup>th</sup> National Short Film Festival 2026**

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1. The Film should be of duration between 5 minutes & 30 minutes.
2. Should be either in Malayalam or English. Other language movie should carry English subtitles.
3. Should be submitted in MP4 format and send by we transfer /send GB/ google drive to [chavarafilmschool@gmail.com](mailto:chavarafilmschool@gmail.com)
4. Should be registered on or before 15 March 2026 by the entry form duly filled in along with.
  - a. Affidavit in the prescribed format that the film is an original creation and not a dubbed version or adaptation violating copy right rules.
  - b. One Photograph of the Director with the name written on re-verse.
  - c. Bio data of the Director.
  - d. Bank Draft/ Cheque/ Money Order/Cash/ G Pay favouring Chavara Cultural Centre, Chavara media house for a sum of Rs.1000/- being Registration fee.
  - e. Certificate confirming the Film is originally made by the Applicant in case of Campus Film Entries from the respective Heads of institution.
  - f. Brief synopsis of the Film in one or two paragraph.
5. Application should be submitted in the prescribed form.

6. A preliminary Selection Committee would preview all the entries and select deserving films for Jury Screening.
7. First Prize for the Best Film and would contain a Cash Award of Rs.25,000/-, Second Best Film Prize Rs.20,000/-, Best Director award Rs.15,000/-, Best Screenplay Rs.7,000/-, Special Jury Rs.10,000/-
8. The decision of the Jury would be final and binding on all the entries.
9. Criteria for Awards would be Content, Aesthetic and Technical Excellence, Thematic Relevance, Communication Potential and Visual Rhythm.
10. Canvassing in any form would disqualify the entries involved.
11. Only films produced during the calendar year 2025 would be eligible for entry
12. The objective of the Film Festival and the Awards is to encourage film makers who produce Short Films of high Quality, aesthetic and technical standards and of social, educational, and cultural values.

13. The decision of the Committee would be final for the conduct of the Festival, in cases of disputes if any arising.
14. Applicants are advised to submit publicity material including brochures, posters etc. if any while submitting the entry.
15. Chavara Cultural Centre will be entitled to retain the media copy of the film submitted.
16. To download Reg.From / Affidavit  
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