



## The 4th Golden Tree International Documentary Film Festival Competition Rules

### Article 1 Theme, Time and Location

**Theme:** Roots and Inheritance of Culture

**Time:** Oct. 10th - Oct. 13th, 2019

**Location:** Frankfurt, Germany

### Article 2 Registration Time

October 1st, 2018- April 15th, 2019

### Article 3 Awards and Prize

1. Best Feature Film, 1 Winner, Prize: 5000 EUR
2. Best Medium-Length Documentary, 1 Winner, Prize: 4000 EUR
3. Best Short Documentary, 1 Winner, Prize: 2500 EUR
4. Best Mini Documentary, 1 Winner, Prize: 1500 EUR
5. Best Director, 1 Winner, Prize: 5000 EUR
6. Best Cinematographer, 1 Winner, Prize: 5000 EUR
7. Best Editor, 1 Winner, Prize: 5000 EUR
8. Audience Choice Award, 1 Winner, Prize: 3000 EUR

### Article 4 Entry Rules

1. **Film genre:** Documentary
2. **Theme:** Roots and Inheritance of Culture
3. **Film length definition:**  
Documentary Long: over 60 minutes;  
Documentary Medium-Length: 26-60 minutes (including 60 minutes);  
Documentary Short: 7-26 minutes (including 26 minutes);



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Documentary Mini: 7 minutes or less (including 7 minutes);

4. **Film completion time:** After January 1st, 2017.

5. **Registration fee:** 20USD

In case of other currencies, it's subject to the exchange rate on the day of registration.

6. **Subtitles:** All registered films must have English subtitles.

7. **Application notes:** The registered film must be a completely finished documentary film. All films that register for the Golden Tree International Documentary Festival shall not contain any elements that are hostile to other countries, cause religious or ethnic conflicts, and shall not contain pornography, violence and racial discrimination content.

## Article 5 Registration Methods

### 1. Online registration

Log in FilmFreeway Registration website, finish filling in registration form, uploading film videos and photos, and paying registration fee:

<https://filmfreeway.com/GoldenTreeInternationalDocumentaryFestival>

### 2. Other registration methods

For applicants in the areas which can not access FilmFreeway, or have weak internet coverage can contact the organizing committee and send the required application materials by email or mail.

#### Submitting application materials by email

Videos: provide the downloadable link, and fill in the registration form Registration form (please see attachment) and photos: the submission shall be put in a folder and compressed in a zip. Or rar. file, named in the form of film title+contact person, send to the email of organizing committee: [info@goldentreefestival.com](mailto:info@goldentreefestival.com)

#### Submitting application materials by express

Copy all the required application materials to a USB stick or hard disk, and express to the office of organizing committee:



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### 3. Requirements for application materials

Registration form: If you register on FilmFreeway, please finish filling in the registration form online directly. If you register in other methods, please fill in the registration form.

Photo materials: poster, stills, requirements: JPG format (with a pixel size of at least 300 DPI); the whole documentary film, requirements: MP4 format, 720p or 1080p;

Trailer of the documentary film (length: less than 3 minutes), requirements: MP4 format, 720p or 1080p.

### 4. Notes for application materials

Applicants shall ensure the authenticity, completeness and accuracy of the registration information, and bear the legal liability arising from false information. All application materials will not be returned and will be retained by the organizing committee for archival purposes, please keep a backup for yourself.

### Article 6 Declaration of Applicants

1. The applicant (individual or institution) who registered the film shall have full copyrights or agent rights of the film. Moreover, the applicant shall guarantee that the film is not involved in any kind of copyright dispute, while also ensuring to own the copyrights of the music, video image and creative text of the works or the authorization of the copyright owner of the work. In case of any disputes regarding the film's copyright, the applicant will bear full responsibility.

2. The organizing committee has the right to use the application materials including the stills, posters and trailers of the registered film on printed products, publicity trailers, cinemas, television, internet, mobile television and other public places.

3. The organizing committee of the Golden Tree International Documentary Film



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Festival shall obtain the right to duplicate the registered film, while only doing that for the purpose of document preservation and archive use, and not for any kind of commercial use.

## **Article 7 Declaration of the Organizing Committee of the Golden Tree International Documentary Film Festival**

1. All registered films must strictly comply with the rules and regulations of the 4th Golden Tree International Documentary Film Festival 2019.
2. The Golden Tree International Documentary Festival shall not be responsible for any consequences caused by the errors during the process of filling out the information, submitting the materials.
3. If there are any changes to the rules, the date of change shall be announced on the official website of the Golden Tree. Applicants are entitled to withdraw from the event if they do not accept the amended terms. If the applicant has not notified the organizing committee about withdrawing from the competition after 10 working days following the announcement, it means the applicant accepts the amended terms.
4. Applicants that register for the 4th Golden Tree International Documentary Film Festival 2019 are considered to accept all the aforementioned terms and rules. In the case of legal disputes, the final decision shall lie with the national judiciary of the host.

## **Article 8 The right to interpret the rules shall belong to the Organizing Committee of the 4th Golden Tree International Documentary Film Festival.**

**Golden Tree International Documentary Film Festival  
Organizing Committee**





## Attachment: Registration Form

<b>Film title</b>	<b>Original language:</b>		
	<b>English:</b>		
<b>Completion time (Specific to month)</b>		<b>Running time</b>	
<b>Language</b>		<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Shooting format</b>		<b>Whether there is a copyright license</b>	
<b>Is it the first time to broadcast</b>		<b>Whether to agree the organizing committee's publicity right of the film</b>	
<b>Has the film ever won any award?</b>		<b>List of awards</b>	
<b>Full film link</b>			
<b>Film trailer link</b>			
<b>Introduction of production team</b>			
<b>Submitter info</b>	<b>Name:</b>		
	<b>Email:</b>		
	<b>Mobile:</b>		



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**Synopsis**

**The submission of the Registration Form indicates the submitter has read and agreed to abide by all the articles, rules and other terms of service of the 4th Golden Tree International Documentary Film Festival.**