



Gideon Media Arts Conference & Film Festival

2012

Short Film Contest

Rules and Regulations

1. Entrants must submit:
 - a. One completed Entry Form.
 - b. One DVD copy (Region 1 or multi-platform—must be compatible with all DVD players) labeled with title of film and running time.
 - c. A one hundred (100) word synopsis.
 - d. The entry fee. Checks should be made payable to: Gideon Media Arts Conference & Film Festival.
2. The official Entry Form must be completed in its entirety or the entrant will be disqualified.
3. Short film entries must be between 5-30 minutes, including credits. Any film shorter or longer than the prescribed time will be disqualified.
4. Entry fee is \$40.00. Early entry fee is \$35.00, if postmarked on or before March 31, 2012.
5. Entry fees will not be returned if entrant is disqualified.
6. All entries must be postmarked on or before April 30, 2012. Late entries will be returned unopened.
7. Acknowledgement of each received submission will be sent via e-mail.
8. The Gideon Short Film Contest seeks films that are based on biblical principles such as love, grace, forgiveness, redemption, justice, etc. Short films entered do not need to be preachy or overtly evangelistic. However, any film that violates biblical principles and values will be disqualified at the

- sole discretion of Gideon. We reserve the right to exclude nominees in order to protect the integrity of the Gideon, LifeWay and our sponsors.
9. Entrants must be 18 years or older to enter the contest. Misrepresentation of age will automatically disqualify the entry.
 10. Collaborative work is accepted. One of the partners should be selected as the primary contact. Partners selected as winners will divide the award equally.
 11. All entries must be the original, un-produced and un-optioned work of the entrant. The entrant ensures that he is the sole creator of the work and that it does not infringe on any existing copyright.
 12. Short films previously submitted to the Gideon Media Arts Conference & Film Festival for the Short Film Contest may be resubmitted with the exception of contest finalists from 2011. Resubmitted entries will not be returned.
 13. All entrants shall retain the rights to their submitted film.
 14. Entrants are prohibited from contacting the judges in regards to the contest, after having submitted a short film. Violations will result in disqualification. If an entrant has a question, after submitting a short film, he may contact the co-directors of the Gideon, Rodney and Lori Marett (rodney@gideonfilmfestival.com, lori@gideonfilmfestival.com), with questions. All decisions made by the Gideon regarding the Short Film Contest are final.
 15. The Gideon Media Arts Conference & Film Festival, LifeWay and its sponsors accept no liability whatsoever for any claims of damages, real or perceived, by any entrant as a result of participation in this contest.
 16. All winners are responsible for their own federal and state income tax withholding.
 17. Employees, staff and faculty of the Gideon Media Arts Conference & Film Festival, LifeWay, and our sponsors and their families are not eligible to enter this contest.
 18. Finalists will be announced on June 30, 2012. If you are a finalist, your tuition for the conference will be waived (that is a value of \$315), but you must register for the conference by July 15, 2012 in order to receive the waived tuition. (To learn more on registering, go to our website, www.gideonfilmfestival.com)

19. Entering the contest constitutes permission to use the entrants' names and likenesses for publicity and promotions with no additional compensation. The Gideon, LifeWay and its sponsors reserve the right to publicize and promote any and all progress, development and success of the entered short films.
20. Multiple entries are accepted, provided that each film is entered separately with all entry requirements stated in #1.