

Swiss Series Award – Terms and conditions

Introduction

The Geneva International Film Festival (GIFF) introduces a new award for the best Swiss series screenplay. This award, called the Swiss Series Award, will honor a series for its quality and innovation.

The 30th edition of the GIFF takes place from November 1 to 10, 2024.

Eligibility Criteria

- To be eligible, the series must be Swiss (from any linguistic region), have their first broadcast (live or online) between July 1 of the previous year and December 31 of the current year, provided that all episodes are available within the deadlines communicated by GIFF.
- Each series can be submitted only once for the Award.
- All genres, formats, and themes of series (fiction, documentary, animation) are eligible.
- All the seasons of a series are eligible.
- The main production company is based in Switzerland. Minority co-productions are eligible only if the creator(s) or main writer(s) is/are Swiss or based in Switzerland, and a Swiss broadcaster is attached.
- Each fiction or documentary series consists of a minimum of four episodes, each lasting between 25 and 75 minutes. For animation series, the total duration must be at least 140 minutes.

Nomination

1. Nomination Process:

- A call for submissions is published for participation, addressed to production, distribution, or broadcasting companies.
- There are no submission fees.
- Maximum 15 series are nominated according to the eligibility criteria and the order of application.
- This nomination does not preclude the screening of series within other programs at GIFF, including premieres.

2. Submission Material:

The following materials are required for submission:

- Video files or screeners of all episodes of the series, subtitled in English. Works in progress are accepted.
- A brief presentation file in English, French, German, or Italian.
- The list of credits and digital promotional material.

Jury

1. Composition:

- GIFF selects an independent jury, composed of international and Swiss television industry professionals, to select the Swiss Series Award winner.

2. Process:

- The jury will deliberate in two rounds (1st round 2 episodes, 2nd round full series for a selection of 3 to 6 titles).
- The jury's decisions are not subject to appeal.

Award

- The Award is endowed with a cash prize of CHF 20,000 offered by the cultural funds of SSA and Suissimage.
- The amount is equally divided between the creators (those responsible for the narrative universe of the series) and the main writer(s) of the series (credited as such). The names must be announced when the series is submitted¹.

Award Ceremony

- During the Festival, the Swiss Series Award Ceremony is organized, where the winner(s) is/are announced, and the award is given out.

Contact

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¹ The creator is the person who conceives the initial idea of the series and establishes its foundations, while the lead writer is responsible for the day-to-day realization of that vision, overseeing the writing of the series.