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Criteria for Bhutan National Film Awards 2026

1. General Eligibility

- **Production Origin**: The film must be primarily written, directed and produced by a Bhutanese filmmaker.
- Release Requirements: For awards in the feature film categories, the film should have been certified within the period of 1 January 31 December 2025.
- **Original Score:** The producer of the film must sign the original score declaration form, confirming that the score is an original work.
- **Documentary and Short Films:** For eligibility, submissions must be first previewed and approved by BICMA.
- Submission:
 - 1. Films (HD) must be submitted in a sealed portable drive during office hours.
 - 2. Songs in MP3 format must be submitted in the same portable drive but in a different folder.
 - 3. Minimum two posters in high resolution.
 - 4. Trailer of the film (1-3 minutes)
 - 5. Completed cast and crew list to be attached as per their role in the film.

2. Award Categories

The awards will acknowledge excellence in the following categories:

Sl. No.	Award Category
1	Best Film
2	Best Film Promoting Culture & Dzongkha
3	Best Director
4	Best Screenplay
5	Best Actor Male (Lead)
6	Best Actor Female (Lead)
7	Best Cinematographer
8	Best Editor



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9	Best Production Designer
10	Best Sound Designer
11	Best Original Score
12	Best Supporting Actor (Male)
13	Best Supporting Actor (Female)
14	Best Visual Effects (VFX)
15	Best Make-up Artist
16	Best Costume
17	Best Documentary Film
18	Best Short Film
19	Best Singer (Male)
20	Best Singer (Female)
21	Best Music Composer
22	Best Lyricist

3. Process

1. Call for Entries : 11 December 2025 - 09 January 2026

Jury Review and Deliberation : January 2025
 Announcement and Ceremony : 21 February 2025

4. Entry Submission Deadline

All entries should be submitted latest by 09 January 2026.



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ENTRY SUBMISSION FORM

BHUTAN NATIONAL FILM AWARDS 2026

1. General Information
Film Title:
Date of Release:
Producer's Name:
Production Company:
2. Award Categories Being Submitted For (Please tick all appropriate categories)
□Best Film
☐Best Film Promoting Culture and Dzongkha
☐Best Director
☐Best Screenplay
□Best Actor (Male)
☐ Best Actor (Female)
☐Best Cinematographer
□Best Editor
☐ Best Production Designer
☐ Best Sound Designer
☐ Best Original Score
☐ Best Supporting Actor (Male)
☐ Best Supporting Actor (Female)
☐ Best Visual Effects (VFX)
☐Best Make-up Artist
☐ Best Costume



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Bes	t Documentary Film
□Bes	t Short Film
□Bes	t Singer (Male)
□Bes	t Singer (Female)
□Bes	t Music Composer
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Decla	ration
I here	by declare that:
1.	All information provided in this submission is true and accurate.
2.	I have the necessary rights and permissions to submit this film for consideration.
3.	I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Bhutan National Film Awards 2026.
4.	The organizers may use excerpts, posters, and stills for promotional and archival purposes.
Name	of the Applicant:
Design	nation:
Signat	ture:
	of submission:



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DECLARATION FORM FOR ORIGINAL SCORE

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Film Title:		
Producer's Nam	e:	
Production Con	npany:	
	s:	
Phone Number:		
Declaration		
I,	(name of producer), hereby declare that the	
music and sound	score used in the film titled is an	
original creation work without aut	and has not been copied, plagiarized, or derived from any existing copyrighted	
works creeI take fu music/souI underst	dtrack, background score, and all musical elements used in the film are original rated specifically for this production. Il responsibility for any copyright claims or disputes arising from the use of and in the film. and that providing false information may lead to legal consequences as perntellectual property and copyright laws.	
Producer's Sign	ature:	
Affix legal		
stamp and		
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