

MARGARET MEAD



FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL

Entry Fee Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the entry fee?

A: An entry fee is a fee that many festivals and other venues employ to offset the costs of receiving, database entry, reviewing, etc. films or artwork for possible inclusion in a screening or art exhibition. The entry fee for the Mead Festival is sliding scale, between 10-35 US dollars. This means that you can pay what you can afford within this range. Entry fees above \$35 are welcomed but not expected. The Mead requests a minimum fee of \$10. You can select the amount that is right for you.

Q: How much should I pay?

A: Pay what you can. Consider the fact that the Mead Festival is housed within a non-profit organization. If you are submitting multiple films, consider paying an entry fee of \$20 or \$25.

Q: Do I have to pay the entry fee?

A: The fee is not mandatory. We understand that not everyone is able to pay an entry fee, but we strongly encourage those who are able to pay. Your film will be reviewed and evaluated with the same attention whether or not you pay an entry fee.

Q: Should I pay the entry fee?

A: Yes. We encourage all filmmakers who can to pay an entry fee. Your entry fee directly supports the Mead Festival and contributes to the sustainability of the longest-running documentary film festival in the United States. Paying even a small fee makes a big difference to the Mead Festival.

Q: Is it possible for my film to be selected if I don't pay the entry fee?

A: Yes. We will consider all entrants equally regardless of whether or not a fee has been paid.

Q: Does paying an entry fee increase my chances of being selected? Does paying a larger entry fee increase my chances of being selected?

A: No. An entry fee is NOT taken into consideration during the evaluation process. This is a suggested entry fee.

Q: Why is the Mead Festival introducing an entry fee now when there has never been one in the past?

A: The Mead is the product of many months of hard work. A nominal entry fee will help to offset the costs associated with Festival staff administering the 1000-plus entries received each year. Please note most festivals in the United States charge a fee – the Mead is requesting a nominal amount compared to most of these festivals. The Mead Festival has a commitment to showing a wide breadth of work, from films by established directors to works by emerging independent filmmakers. We continue this commitment.

Q: How do I pay the entry fee?

A: You can pay one of two ways:

- Online (at www.amnh.org/mead) with any credit card
- By mail, enclose a check made out to: American Museum of Natural History with your film and completed entry form. Checks must be in U.S. dollars.