

# Pan African Film Festival

## Call for Submissions

The 24th annual Pan African Film Festival (PAFF), the largest Black film festival in the U.S. will be held on *February 4-15, 2016* in Los Angeles. Over the years, it has showcased films from all parts of the world, representing such countries as Angola, Nigeria, Jamaica, New Zealand, Rwanda, Canada, Egypt, Ethiopia, Brazil, Kenya, Mexico, South Africa, England, Mexico, Japan, France and of course, the United States. With the pulse on the international film market, PAFF has opened the minds of its audiences, and transported them to faraway lands and back home again. "Over the years, the filmmakers from around the world have become more sophisticated in telling their stories," says Asantewa Olatunji, the director of programming for PAFF. "In our ever shrinking world, it is so important to understand the experiences and points of views of other peoples and cultures."

Last year, more than 40,000 people attended the film festival, which has long been a highly anticipated event in Los Angeles attended by local, national and international guests. Currently, PAFF is *accepting submissions* of features and shorts; narrative and documentary films made by or about people of African descent (the filmmaker need not be of African descent). Preferably, films should depict positive and realistic images and can be of any genre - drama, comedy, horror, adventure, animation, romance, science fiction, experimental, etc. PAFF accepts features and shorts both narrative and documentary.

You can apply online at [www.paff.org](http://www.paff.org) (click 'submit film'), complete the online application and either upload your film with your completed application or send in a DVD to PAFF at 6820 LaTijera Blvd. Ste. 200, Los Angeles, California 90045.

The PAFF *competition categories* are: Best Narrative Feature, Best Narrative Short, Best Documentary, Best Director - First Feature, plus a variety of Audience Favorite Awards. Films in competition must be copyrighted no earlier than 2014. With the exception of Audience Favorite Awards, films are judged by industry professionals. In addition to competition awards, other programming and festival special prizes will be awarded.

For information about the festival, *submission procedures, fees and registration*, go to [www.paff.org](http://www.paff.org) or email [submissions@paff.org](mailto:submissions@paff.org). Early submissions will be accepted beginning July 20 through August 7; regular submissions begin August 8 and run through *October 2, 2015*. Late submissions will be accepted from October 3 to October 31. For more information, please visit [www.paff.org](http://www.paff.org) or email [info@paff.org](mailto:info@paff.org).