

Actors FYC
Screener Submission Guide



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Introduction to Indee

SAG-AFTRA has partnered with Indee to provide a secure and reliable solution for submitting digital screeners for awards consideration. The 'Actors FYC' platform is designed specifically for Actor Awards digital screener submissions. This guide outlines the submission process and provides step-by-step instructions for uploading your content to the screening platform.

If your content is already part of the Indee ecosystem (e.g., you are an Indee client or have used Indee to submit the same title elsewhere), please contact the Indee Awards team at awards@indee.tv to begin your screener submission.

Requirements for a Digital Screener Submission

This section outlines the requirements for uploading your title to the Actors FYC platform.

Refer to the table below for recommended video specifications. If you're ready to proceed, you can skip ahead to the [Digital Screener Submission Process](#).

Asset Specifications

All submissions must comply with Indee's technical specifications. Non-compliant files may be rejected or cause playback issues for screener recipients.

Video Specifications

Attribute	Specification
File Size	Up to 100 GB per video file
Video Codec (SDR 4K)	H.264 H.265 Apple ProRes
Video Codec (SDR 1080p)	H.264 Apple ProRes
Video Codec (HDR 10 – 4K)	H.265 Apple ProRes
Video Codec (HDR 10 – 1080p)	H.265 Apple ProRes
Envelope Format	MP4 (preferred). Also supported: 3g2, 3gp, 3gp2, 3gpp, asf, asx, avi, divx, m4v, mov, mpe, mpeg, mpg, ogg, and wmv
Frame Rate	24 (23.976), 25, or 30 (29.97) FPS - Constant only
Bit Rate (SD)	Minimum 2,000 kbps
Bit Rate (720p HD)	Minimum 5,000 kbps
Bit Rate (1080p HD)	Minimum 18,000 kbps
Bit Rate (4K)	Minimum 40,000 kbps
Max Resolution	4K (Indee auto-generates lower resolutions for ABR)

Audio Specifications

Attribute	Specification
Audio Codec	AAC-LC (Low Complexity)
Channels	Stereo (2.0) or 5.1 Surround
Preferred Bit Rate	320 kbps for 2.0 780 kbps for 5.1
Sampling Rate	44.1 kHz or 48 kHz
Additional Audio Tracks (Audio Description Tracks)	Up to 7 standalone AAC audio-only tracks in an MP4 container

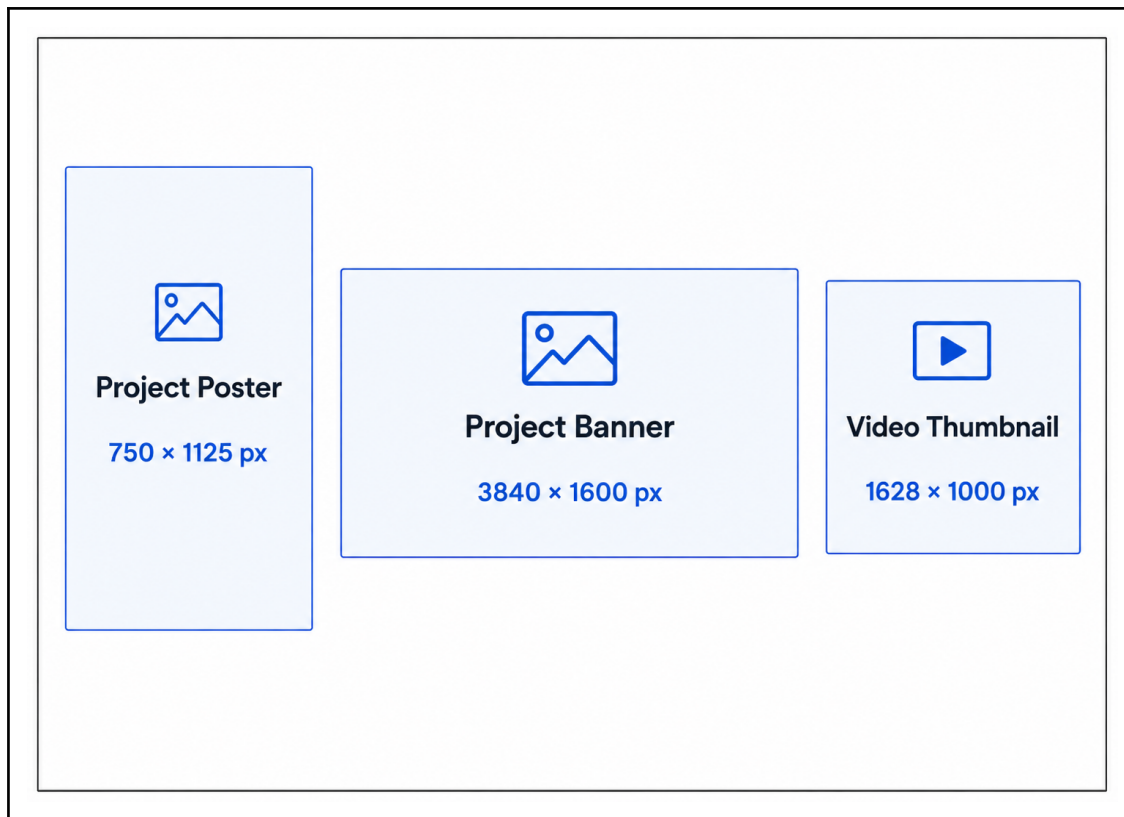
Subtitles & Closed Captions

- Up to 25 subtitle/closed caption files are supported. All tracks must be provided in .vtt format.
- Always align the keyframe option with your chosen frame rate. Use 'Current' or 30 FPS if the original frame rate is unknown.

Graphic Image Assets

Ensure assets meet the exact pixel dimensions listed below to avoid cropping or distortion.

Attribute	Specification
Project Poster	750 × 1125 px (JPEG or PNG) – recommended
Project Banner	3840 × 1600 px (JPEG or PNG) – recommended
Video Thumbnail	1628 × 1000 px (JPEG or PNG)
Banner Safe Zone	3540 × 1100 px (centered within 3840 × 1600 px canvas)



Banner Image - Safe Zone Template



- The full banner canvas is 3840×1600 px.
- The Indee Watch UI overlays a sidebar, navigation bar, and title strip over the image.
- Ensure all critical artwork — logos, titles, key visuals — stays within the 3540×1100 px safe zone.

Project Metadata

The following metadata fields are required for every submission. Incomplete submissions cannot be activated for screener distribution.

Attribute	Specification
Project Title	The official name of your title as it should appear to voters.
Project Synopsis	150 characters minimum – 5,000 characters maximum.
Project Genre	Select from Indee's supported genre list .
Video Name	Up to 200 characters per video asset.

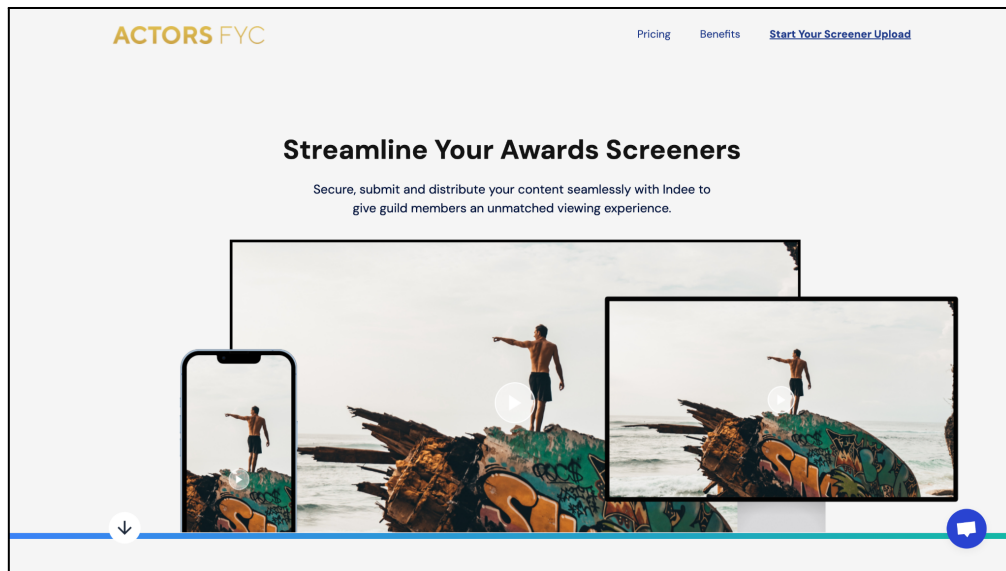
Optional Details

Attribute	Specification
Cast & Crew	Up to 8 entries are recommended for optimal display. No hard limit on the number of entries.

Digital Screener Upload

Visit the [Actors FYC submission platform](#) to begin your digital screener submission.

Navigating the Actors FYC Submission Platform



The landing page provides an overview of the following sections:

- **Screener Categories**
A list of applicable awards categories or key event dates, depending on the current submission cycle.
- **Eligibility Criteria**
Specific requirements your title must meet to qualify for awards consideration.
- **Pricing**
A breakdown of costs for uploading a digital screener to the Actors FYC platform.

This section outlines the **Indee Secure Screening Fee**, which covers the secure hosting and delivery of digital screeners on the Actors FYC platform.

Indee Digital Screener Pricing & Security Options

Motion Picture

	Low / Micro Budget No Watermark	Premier - Forensic & Visible watermarks - Multi-DRM - Upload and QC Support on all key assets
Pre-nomination Digital Screener Upload	\$1	\$5,000
Pre-nomination Administrative Fee (Actor Awards Digital Screener Fee) (non-refundable)	\$1000 / \$600	\$3120* per video
Post-nomination Digital Screener Upload	-	\$40,000
Post-nomination Administrative Fee (Actor Awards Digital Screener Fee) (non-refundable)	\$3000	\$10,000

**Inclusive of a 4% transaction fee*

Series/Episodic Content

	Basic - Overlay watermarks - Multi-DRM	Premier - Forensic & Visible watermarks - Multi-DRM - Upload and QC Support on all key
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		assets
Pre-nomination Digital Screener Upload	• \$250 per video • \$1,500 per season	\$500 per video
Post-nomination Digital Screener Upload	• \$30,000 per season	\$4,000 per video

*Please note: This fee is separate from the **Actor Awards Digital Screener Fees**, which is required to make digital screeners available to SAG-AFTRA voters.*

Available Add-Ons

	4K	2FA
Film	\$1,500 Per video	\$500
Series	\$150 per video	\$500 per video
Post Nom Film	\$10,000 per video	NA
Post Nom Series	\$10,000 per season	NA

Actor Awards Digital Screener Fees

- Pre-Nomination
 - \$3,120 per film title.
 - \$5,000 per TV title.

Films made under SAG-AFTRA Low, Moderate Low, or Ultra Low Budget contracts may qualify for a discounted fee of **\$1,000**.

Films made under a SAG-AFTRA Micro Budget contract may qualify for a discounted fee of **\$600**.

- Post-Nomination
 - \$10,000 per film title.

- \$3,000 per TV title.

Films made under SAG-AFTRA Low, Moderate Low, or Ultra Low Budget or Micro Budget contracts may qualify for a discounted fee of **\$3,000**

For more information on submissions to the Actor Awards for Motion Pictures, Television, and Ensembles, visit <https://www.actorawards.org/awards>.

Digital Screener Submission Process

To begin your submission, click **Start Your Submission** in the header of the [landing page](#), or scroll down to the **Start Your Submission** button located below the **Pricing** section.

1. Your Details

Enter your **Name**, **Email Address**, and **Organization** in the respective fields.

Note: If you're submitting on behalf of a distributor or studio, please enter the studio name in the **Organization** field.

The screenshot shows the ACTORS FYC submission portal. On the left, the 'Your Details' form has fields for Name, Email, and Organization, along with a checkbox for 'I agree with Indiee's Terms of Service' and a 'PROCEED' button. On the right, the 'Screener Checklist' table lists required assets and their dimensions:

Screener Checklist	
For a seamless process, ensure you have the specified assets prepared according to the recommended dimensions. These dimensions guarantee optimal presentation quality for guild members to view your title.	
Poster	750 x 1125 pixels
Banner	3840 x 1600 pixels
Video Thumbnail	1628 x 1000 pixels
Video	1080p upto 20GB, encoded using H.264

Below the checklist, a large video player area displays a preview of the submission with labels for 'Poster 750x1125px', 'Banner 3840x1600px', and 'Video Thumbnail 1628x1000px'. It also includes a 'Start Watching' button and an 'Add to Watchlist' button. At the bottom, there are tabs for 'Videos', 'Details', and 'Extras', and a 'Season 2' dropdown menu.

Review and agree to the **Terms of Service**, then click **Proceed** to continue.

2. Title Details

All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required to submit your title. Please ensure all entries are accurate and complete.

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Create Your Title

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Title*

Name of your project

Release year*

Enter Release Year

Genres*

Type to start adding genres

Kind of content*

Series

Film

Description*

Add a description

Cast & Crew

Add Name

Add Role

+

Add

Awards Category*

☐ Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Leading Role
 ☐ Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Leading Role

☐ Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Supporting Role
 ☐ Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Supporting Role

Cancel

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Actor Awards Specific Requirements:

- **Cast & Crew**

Use this section to credit the starring actors featured in your title. This field, while not showing an asterisk, is mandatory for Actor Awards Submissions.

- **Awards Category***

The list of available categories will update automatically based on the type of content selected. You may select more than one category if applicable.

3. Uploads

This section is where you upload all the essential materials needed for your submission, including video files, graphic assets, and subtitles.

To ensure your files meet the platform's standards, please review the [Requirements for a Digital Screener Submission](#) section for detailed specifications on each asset type.

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Uploads

Title Assets*
(.png or .jpg)

Upload Project Poster*
750x1125

Upload Project Banner*
3840x1600

Add Video(s)*
(upto 100GB, AAC codec)

Add video*

Cancel Back NEXT

Please Note:

- Please wait until the video upload is fully complete. You cannot leave this page while the upload is in progress. Once your video is uploaded, transcoding will start automatically. (Transcoding is the process of preparing your video files for digital screening.)
- You do not need to wait for transcoding to finish, you can proceed to the next step by clicking 'Save'.
- Depending on your content type (Film or Series), the fields in the Add Video(s) window will adjust accordingly. For series submissions, additional fields such as season number, episode number, and an optional description will appear. Repeat these steps for all eligible episodes you wish to submit.

Actor Awards Specific Requirements:

- **Subtitles**
English subtitles are mandatory.

4. Pricing

This page allows you to select the level of security you'd like to apply to your video(s).

Security Options by Content Type:

- **Film titles:** Only Premier Security is available.
- **Series titles:** You can choose between Basic and Premier Security.

- **Low-budget submissions:** If your title qualifies as low-budget, please reach out to the SAG-AFTRA team at awardsteam@actorawards.org to check eligibility.

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Videos There are all your uploads	Duration	Premier Forensic and Visible Watermark Multi DRM Upload and QC Support on all key assets	Price
☒ Feature Film	120 min 9 sec		5000

Videos Selected - 01

\$5000

Actor Awards Admin fee -

(\$*inclusive of a 4% transaction fee)

\$3120

Videos Selected

1

Total Amount

\$8120

Cancel

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Please Note:

- Any video that is not selected will not be included in the submission.
- You must select a security option for at least one video to proceed.
- The total cost of your submission will be calculated based on your selected videos and security levels.

This fee is separate from the Actor Awards Digital Screener Fee, which is required to make digital screeners available to SAG-AFTRA voters.

5. Review

This is the final step to review your digital screener submission and make any edits before payment.

Review

Title Details

Uploads

Security

Review

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[Preview the graphic assets](#)

TITLE DETAILS | [Modify](#)

Name of your title

Ireland

Genres

Drama/Comedy

Kind of Content

Film

Description

In "Ireland," a disillusioned New York artist retreats to the lush landscapes of Ireland, seeking solace and inspiration. Amidst the breathtaking scenery, she uncovers long-buried family secrets and forges unexpected bonds with the quirky locals. As her past and present collide, she discovers that true healing lies in embracing her heritage and newfound community.

Cast & Crew

Cast & Crew

UPLOAD DETAILS | [Modify](#)

Project Poster



Project Banner



Videos



Ireland - Feature

2 min

SECURITY AND PRICING | [Modify](#)

Videos	Kind of Content	Security	Add-ons	Price
Ireland	Film	Premier	None	\$5000
		Selected Videos - 1		\$5000
		Actor Awards 2028-27 (inclusive of a 4% transaction fee)		\$3120

- Click **Preview the Graphic Assets** to see how your submission will appear to viewers.
- If you need to make changes, click the **Modify** button in any section.

Click **Complete Payment** to proceed to the Payment web page.

6. Payment

On this page, you'll see a detailed breakdown of the costs and the total amount due for your submission.

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Pay Indie Technologies Inc.

\$8,120.00

Actor Awards 2026-27 - Film - Premier

\$5000.00

\$5000.00 per Indie Inc

Actor Awards Admin fee -
(*inclusive of a 4% transaction fee)

\$3120.00

\$3120.00 per Indie Inc

Subtotal

\$8120.00

Add promotion code

Total due

\$8120.00

Pay with  link

Or

Email

email@example.com

Payment method

Card information

1234 1234 1234 1234

VISA   

MM / YY

CVC



Cardholder name

Full name on card

Country or region

United States

ZIP

☐ Save my information for faster checkout

Pay faster on Indie Technologies Inc. and everywhere Link is accepted.

Pay

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Once your payment is completed, a confirmation screen will appear to indicate the successful transaction. A confirmation email will also be sent to the email address provided during your submission.

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The video has failed to transcode. What should I do?

Please ensure your digital screener meets the recommended specifications and try uploading again. If the issue persists, contact support@indee.tv for assistance.

Can I replace a video after submission?

Yes. Please reach out to awards@indee.tv for help with replacing your video.

Can I submit more than one video at the same time?

Yes, you can upload multiple videos as part of a single submission. In the Upload Video section, click **Add Video**, fill in the required details, and upload each video.

What payment methods are accepted?

We accept credit card payments. For other payment methods, please contact awards@indee.tv.

How long will it take to process my submission?

Submissions are typically processed within 72 hours.

Can I resume my digital screener submission later?

Yes, you can resume your submission at any time. Please check your inbox for a link to continue your screener submission.

I submitted my title but haven't received a confirmation email.

Please check your spam or junk folder. If you still can't find it, contact support@indee.tv

I forgot to add subtitles. Can I update my submission?

If your submission is still in progress, go to the review page, click Modify in the Upload section, and upload your subtitle file. If your submission and payment are already complete, please contact awards@indee.tv for support.

Do I need to add an Audio Description file for my digital screener submission?

English Audio Descriptions are recommended during the pre-nomination phase and mandatory during the post-nomination phase. Share your files with awards@indee.tv to get this added to your submission.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to the Awards team at awards@indee.tv.