

PRESS RELEASE

The 13th Algiers International Film Festival Launches Call for Applications for Its First Youth Jury

Algiers, August 22, 2026 — As part of its 13th edition, scheduled to take place from December 5 to 12, 2026, in Algiers, the Algiers International Film Festival (AIFF) is launching the first edition of its Youth Jury, selected through an open call for applications aimed at young Algerian film enthusiasts. Comprising 13 young people aged between 18 and 28, the Youth Jury aims to involve a new generation of film enthusiasts in the life of the festival and give them an active role within the competition. The selected members will be invited to exercise their critical judgment, engage with attending professionals and fully participate in the festival experience.

A Jury with Its Own Award

The 13 members of the Youth Jury will watch the first films presented in the festival's three official competition sections: Feature Films, Short Films and Discovery. Following their deliberations, they will independently award the Youth Jury Grand Prize, as well as a possible Special Mention. These awards will be presented during the closing ceremony of the 13th AIFF.

Giving Young Film Enthusiasts a Voice

Beyond their role as jury members, the Youth Jury participants will be called upon to produce a genuine critical journal, including written film criticism, filmed interviews and podcasts, which will be published on the festival's website. Through this initiative, the AIFF seeks to encourage the expression of a new generation of critical perspectives on cinema and to promote original editorial content around the films and encounters taking place during the festival.

Privileged Access to Film Professionals

The Youth Jury will also take part in meetings and discussions organized during the festival with invited filmmakers, artists and film professionals. These exchanges will give young participants the opportunity to discover the various professions within the film industry, engage directly with creators and gain a better understanding of the realities of filmmaking and the wider film industry.

Who Can Apply?

The call for applications is open to young people aged between 18 and 28, who are available for the entire duration of the festival, from December 5 to 12, 2026, in Algiers, and who demonstrate a strong interest in cinema and an ability to work as part of a team.

No previous experience in film criticism is required.

Applicants must submit:

- An up-to-date CV;
- A cover letter;
- An original film review, either as a short written piece of 1,500 to 2,000 characters, or as a video of 2 to 3 minutes maximum.

How to Apply

Applications must be sent by email to: application@ficinema.dz

Application deadline: October 30, 2026, at midnight Algiers time. Selected candidates will be notified individually following the deliberations of the selection committee.

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