

The 21st Edition

Seoul International Drama Awards 2026

Entry Guidelines

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SDA 2026 Calendar

- **Submission Period**
April 2, 2026, 00:00 (KST) - May 27, 2026, 15:00 (KST)

- **Judging Period**
June-August 2026

- **Online Voting**
June-July 2026

- **Awards Ceremony**
October 8, 2026

- **Festival Events**
October 9-10, 2026

Eligibility Rules

- **Eligible Entries**

- Works first broadcast, transmitted, or made available to the public between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026, regardless of country/region or distribution platform (including terrestrial TV, cable TV, satellite TV, OTT, and digital platforms).

- ※ Eligible entries are limited to **scripted live-action works**.

- **Ineligible Entries**

- Non-fiction works, including documentaries and reality programs.

- Works produced or distributed primarily for theatrical release or film festival submission.

- Works classified as Film/Movie on OTT platforms or in distribution/release classification.

- Dramatized works or branded content produced primarily for advertising, brand promotion, campaigns, or other promotional purposes.

- **Eligibility of Entrants**

- Entries may be submitted only by a company or legal entity that holds the copyright to the work, or by a person/entity authorized to submit the work by agreement among the relevant copyright holders.

- **Notes**

- Entries deemed likely to cause conflict among countries, races, or ethnic groups may be excluded from judging and voting.

- Eligibility shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Seoul Drama Awards Organizing Committee (SDAOC).

Awards Categories

International Competition

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Program Awards

- 1) Grand Prize (1)
- 2) Best TV Movie (1)
- 3) Best Miniseries (3)
- 4) Best Series (2)
- 5) Best Short Form (1)

Individual Awards

- 1) Best Director (1)
- 2) Best Screenwriter (1)
- 3) Best Actor (1)
- 4) Best Actress (1)

K-Drama Competition

Program Awards

Outstanding Korean Drama (Up to 2)

Individual Awards

- 1) Outstanding Korean Actor (1)
- 2) Outstanding Korean Actress (1)
- 3) Outstanding Korean Drama OST (1 individual/team)

※ Only dramas produced in Korea are eligible for the 'K-Drama Competition' category.

International Invitation

Golden Bird Prize (Up to 1 program/1 person)

Outstanding Asian Star (Up to 7)

Entry Fee

No entry fee is required for any category.

Notes

- There is no limit to the number of submissions in each category.
- SDAOC reserves the right to accept or reject any request for an extension of the submission period. If accepted, SDAOC will set a new deadline and notify the entrants.
- SDAOC is not obligated to return any submitted materials. Submitted information, image files, video materials, and the email addresses of submitting entrants may be used on the Seoul International Drama Awards official website, promotional materials, award ceremonies, and other promotional activities.
- SDAOC has the right to request supplementary materials or corrections in the event of insufficient information or technical errors.
- Entrants whose works are nominated or selected as winners must fully cooperate with SDAOC's requests, including the provision of materials and participation in ceremony-related arrangements.

Copyright Precautions

- In the case of a joint production, the entrant must inform the production partner companies in advance.
- If a work is submitted by multiple entrants, the copyright holders must determine which submission is valid and notify SDAOC.
- The entrant shall bear full responsibility for any copyright-related issues.

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International Competition

Category Definition

Category		Definition
Program Awards	TV Movie	A drama consisting of one (1) to three (3) episodes in which the story is concluded within the submitted work.
	Miniseries	A drama consisting of four (4) to sixteen (16) episodes, featuring a continuous storyline and recurring main characters under a single title.
	Series	A drama consisting of seventeen (17) or more episodes, featuring a continuous storyline and recurring main characters under a single title.
	Short Form	A drama primarily produced for distribution on digital platforms, with a runtime of no more than 20 minutes per episode. * There is no limit on the number of episodes.
Individual Awards	Director	For entries submitted to the Program Awards categories, the director, screenwriter, actor, and actress listed in the entry form will automatically be considered for the Individual Awards categories.
	Screenwriter	
	Actor	
	Actress	

- * In the case of omnibus or anthology series in which each episode has a different story, theme, and set of characters, each episode may be recognized as a separate entry.
- * For seasonal dramas, each season whose first airdate falls within the eligibility period from **July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026** must be submitted as a separate entry.
- * Classification as TV Movie, Miniseries, or Series is determined solely by the total number of episodes in a single entry, regardless of genre, number of seasons, platform, or other factors.
- * Duplicate submissions across Program Award categories are not permitted.

Submission Materials and Procedures

Required Materials

- Online Entry Form
- Images
- Video Materials

Online Entry Form

How to submit

Complete and submit the online entry form on the official website of the Seoul International Drama Awards ([Click here](#))

Required Information

1. Entry Information
2. Poster, Synopsis
3. Director and Screenwriter Profiles
 - Lead Director / Lead Screenwriter: name, profile image, and profile
 - In the case of co-directors or co-writers, up to five (5) additional names may be provided.
4. Cast Profiles (At least one actor and one actress are required; up to two may be entered in each category.)
 - Actor / Actress: name, character name, profile image, performer profile, and character description
5. Consent to Use Submitted Materials
6. Company and Staff Information
7. Submission Consent
8. Video Material Submission

※ Precautions

- ① The online entry form must be completed in English.
- ② Entrants are responsible for providing accurate information in the entry form. Any disadvantage in the judging process resulting from inaccurate information shall be the responsibility of the entrant.
- ③ The “References” section of the online entry form will be taken into consideration during judging. If the entry is selected as a winner, the information will be posted on the official Seoul International Drama Awards website exactly as submitted, without modification.
- ④ Please refer to the guidelines below regarding image and video submissions.

Images

How to submit

Upload the required image files when completing the online entry form.

Required Images

- One official poster (vertical format)
- Director profile image (vertical portrait)
- Screenwriter profile image (vertical portrait)
- Actor profile image (vertical portrait)
- Actress profile image (vertical portrait)

※ Precautions

- ① File format
 - Posters and profile images must be submitted in JPG, PNG, or GIF format and must be suitable for large-format printing, with a minimum resolution of 1200 × 1600 pixels or 300 dpi.
 - The maximum file size is 5 MB per image.
- ② If you experience technical issues uploading image files on the website, please contact the SDAOC and submit the files separately via email to the regional contact person in charge.

Video Materials

Category	Video Materials	
	Required	Optional
TV Movie	All episodes	① Trailer
Short Form		
Miniseries	Episodes 1 and 2	① Trailer ② Any episode necessary for understanding the overall storyline
Series		

- ※ English subtitles are required for all submitted videos. Entries without English subtitles may be disqualified during preliminary screening.
- ※ For English-language dramas, English subtitles may be omitted. However, English subtitles are required if major dialogue or on-screen text includes any language other than English.

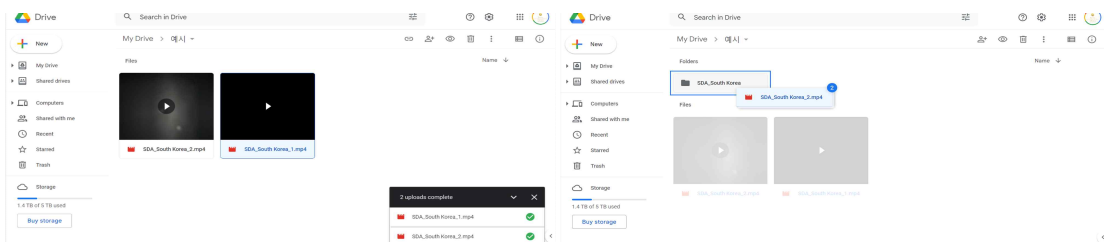
Video Formats

- File name: Title_Country_Episode number (e.g., SDA_South Korea_1)
- Video codec: H.264 / Audio codec: AAC
- File formats: MP4, MOV, AVI, WMV, or any other format that can be played on standard video players.
- Resolution: 1280 × 720 (HD, 16:9)

Video Submission Methods (Choose one of the following: ①, ②, or ③)

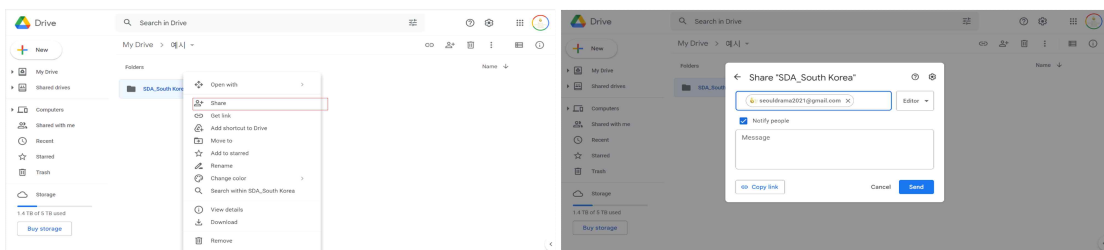
- ① Upload the videos to Google Drive and share access with the Seoul International Drama Awards Google account (seouldramaawards@gmail.com).

[How to upload Google Drive]



1. Upload videos on your personal Google Drive account

2. Make a folder named 'Title_Country' and put your videos into the folder



3. Select the folder, click on your right side of mouse, and click "Share"

4. Type in SDA google account and click "Send"

- ② Submit a downloadable link via WeTransfer, Vimeo, Aspera, etc.
- The link must allow video download and must not be streaming-only.
 - The download link must remain active until at least **June 15, 2026 (KST)**.
 - For submissions via downloadable link, entrants must send the link by email to the regional contact person in charge. Submission will be considered complete only after a confirmation reply is received.
- ③ Save the video files on a USB flash drive and send the drive by post to the SDAOC.

- Mailing Address

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- ※ Only materials received by the SDAOC before the entry deadline will be considered for judging.

Notes

- Actors appearing in entries from six Asian countries designated by the SDAOC will be eligible for nomination for the Outstanding Asian Star Award.
- If selected for the Outstanding Asian Star Award, the entrant must actively cooperate with the Organizing Committee's requests, including providing materials and assisting with arrangements involving the award recipient.