



Summer Festival | 2026

But you must continue in the things which you have learned - II Timothy 3:14



Media Guidelines

Media Festival (2026)

Media Project

As an exercise in creative filmmaking you will not only create a short film that you can submit to summer festival, but also learn more about your own style as filmmaker

Age Group

Participants can be from any of the following age groups/grades:

- Grade 9 *(It's allowed to accept participants younger than Grade 9 as assistants if needed)*
- Grade 10-12
- Youth (19-29 years old)
- Adults (30+)

Deadlines

Submission Deadline **28-Jun-2026**

Payment Deadline **28-Jun-2026**

Fees

NEW in 2024/2025 Summer Festival

Each participant will receive an award according to their achievement in the media component of the Summer Festival. Accordingly, there will be a registration fee as follows:

Fees per each Participant is: \$5

Important Note:

- Upon registration for a media project on the SF system, there is **no refund**, and fees must be paid regardless.
- Please refer to the churches' fees payment procedure document on how to pay the fees.

Media Committee Contacts

You can contact the committee on email: media@sfmelb.org.au

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Entry Limit

There is no limit to number of entries per Church, however it is not allowed for any participant to be part of more than one group (entry)

Guidelines

1. All media and video productions have to be reviewed and approved by the father of the church
2. For all scripts used in any production should be written with appropriate language, and wordings and no violence or hate
3. All media and video production has to be produced with clear and high quality sound and video
4. **Submission will be as following:**
 - Each church MUST have a nominated responsible servant to access the SF online registration system
 - The responsible servant to submit the media project ONLY through the SF online registration system *(No email / No USB submission is allowed)*
 - Through the SF Online registration system, the responsible servant will submit the details of the project as following:
 - Select participant details from within the system
 - Provide a YouTube, Dropbox, Google Drive, Microsoft Drive link for the submitted project
 - Upload a document with the video scripts used in the production by the specified deadlines.
 - Upload a cover page document showing: church name, responsible servant name and contact details, script author name, director name, all participants names and their roles
 - Once Submitted the project on the SF Online registration system, an email approval will go to the Church Priest to review and approve your submission before it goes to the summer festival committee.
 - Please Note:
 - **No Online Registration No Valid Submission & No Award**

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5. Please note that the media festival is intended for Grade 9 and above to produce the media and video production however the actual performer(s) in the video can be from any other age groups as required by the script or requirements for the production
6. On the SF festival presentation day, the participants should bring with them their own copy of the production, laptop and any other equipment required to show case the production.

7. Awards:

- There will be BEST Awards across age groups (if applicable) and also presentation at the SF closing ceremony
8. SF Certificates will be awarded to all participants

Competition Format:

1. **Documentary Film** for your church Must use a camera for filming your church Must including one or two interviews You can use some archive material
 - Duration between 11 to 15 minutes
 - There's no limit for the number of participants
 - **Marking Criteria:**

▪ Script	15%
▪ Filming	20%
▪ Editing	20%
▪ Sound	10%
▪ Music effects	10%
▪ Directing	25%
2. **Mobile Film-Maker** As an exercise in creative filmmaking you will not only create a short film that can submit to summer festival, but also learn more about your own style as film-maker. For this year's summer festival, we would like to see you create a short film using your smartphone.

Your project shall be three minutes (+/- possible depending on project, i.e. shall you use time lapses or slow motion duration might be a bit longer or shorter).

The synopsis is almost as important as the work itself, as it anchors the short films meaning.

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Be creative. Be bold. And Push the boundaries. Try to surprise us. and have fun.

- **Marking Criteria:**

▪ Idea	15%
▪ Script	10%
▪ Filming	20%
▪ Editing	15%
▪ Sound	10%
▪ Special effects	10%
▪ Directing	20%

3. Spiritual Song Video Clip (No Power-Point Presentation will be accepted)

- **Marking Criteria:**

▪ Idea	10%
▪ Script	10%
▪ Filming	15%
▪ Lighting	10%
▪ Editing	15%
▪ Sound	10%
▪ Special effects	10%
▪ Directing	20%

Donations

You may choose to donate for summer festival using details below:

Account Name: Coptic Orthodox Church Diocese of Melbourne – Community Festival

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(Our doctrine, from the start,
established by God himself,
preached by the apostles,
and our fathers kept it safe.) **2x**

a strong tree of faith,
its roots trace back to history,
pure and watered by God's words
(Rites and also liturgy) **2x**

firm,
firm in my faith and doctrine
Our church is fatherly
Orthodox as my forefathers
Heroes of the Coptic church.

Mark, Athanasious, Dioscoros,
heroes and pillars of faith,
though heresies arise,
still we're steadfast in our faith.

Rooted in your church,
be firm in what you've learned.

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