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 SAG 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.

1. Video Files

Refer to the table below for recommended video specifications. If you're ready to proceed, you can skip ahead to the <u>Digital Screener Submission Process</u>.

Video attributes	Requirements
File Size	Up to 100GB per video file
Video Codec	H.264
Video Format	MP4 is the preferred format. Other supported formats include: 3g2, 3gp, 3gp2, 3gpp, asf, asx, avi, divx, m4v, mov, mpe, mpeg, mpg, ogg, wmv.
Frame rate	24 (or 23.976), 25, or 30 (or 29.97) FPS (constant) Use a consistent frame rate rather than variable. Encode the final video in the same frame rate as your source footage. If unsure of the original rate, select "Current". Make sure the keyframe interval aligns with your chosen frame rate.
Bit rate	If your video editing software supports variable bit rate (VBR), set the target rate to at least: 2,000 kbps for SD video 5,000 kbps for 720p HD 10,000 kbps for 1080p HD 20,000 kbps for 4K UHD
Resolution	Videos below 360p are not accepted. 4K content is supported.
Subtitle file	.VTT format only (this is the only subtitle format currently accepted by Indee).
Audio	AAC-LC (Low Complexity) codec Channel Mode: Stereo or 5.1 channel Preferred Bit Rate: 320 kbps Preferred Sampling Rate: 44.1 kHz or 48 kHz

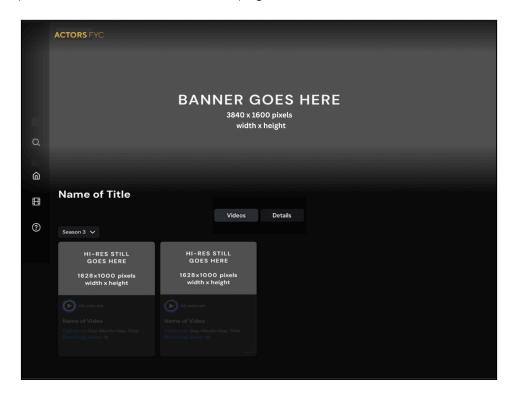
2. Image Assets

For image assets, Indee supports only **JPEG** and **PNG** file formats. The preview below shows how your graphic assets will appear on the Actors FYC watch platform.

One Sheet Poster: 750px x 1125pxBanner Image: 3840px x 1600px

• **Hi-Res Still / Video Thumbnail**: 1628x1000px

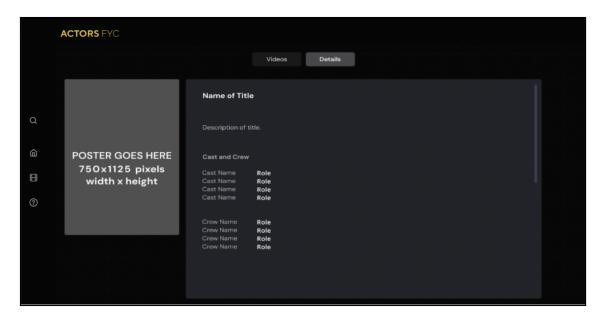
The first image preview below demonstrates how your **Banner** and **Video Thumbnails** will be displayed on the **Videos Tab** of the title page.



The next image illustrates the Safe Zone for your banner on the **Title's Videos** page. Be sure to place all important visuals, text, and branding elements within this highlighted area to prevent cropping or obstruction.



The final image showcases the **Details** tab, which displays key information about the title, such as the synopsis, cast and crew alongside the **One-Sheet Poster**.



3. Other Assets

Subtitles/Captions

English subtitles are mandatory. We only accept files in the .vtt format. Indee supports up to 25 subtitles per video.

• Audio Description Track

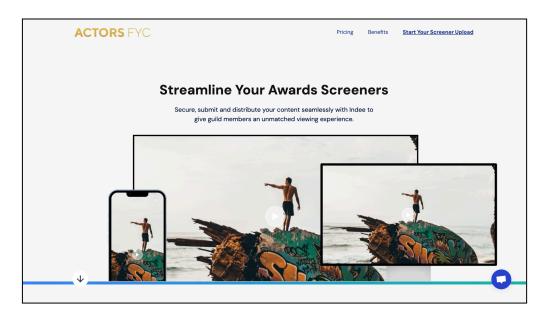
An audio description track is mandatory for SAG Awards post-nomination submissions. We recommend including it as a track on the video being uploaded. If that isn't possible, please share a standalone audio-only file with AAC-encoded audio in an MP4 container with awards@indee.tv.

You can include up to 7 audio tracks per video.

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.

Actors FYC Digital Screener Pricing & Security Options

Motion Picture

	Low or 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
Post-Nomination Digital Screener Upload	-	\$40,000

Series/Episodic Content

	Basic Overlay watermarks Multi-DRM	Premier • Forensic & Visible watermarks • Multi-DRM • Upload and QC Support on all key assets
Pre-Nomination Digital Screener Upload	\$250 per video\$1500 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 SAG Awards Digital Screener Fees, which are required to make digital screeners available to SAG Awards voters.

SAG Awards Digital Screener Fees

- o \$3,000 per film title
- \$5,000 per network site or platform

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.

For more information on submissions to the SAG Awards for Motion Pictures, Television, and Ensembles, visit www.sagawards.org/submissions.

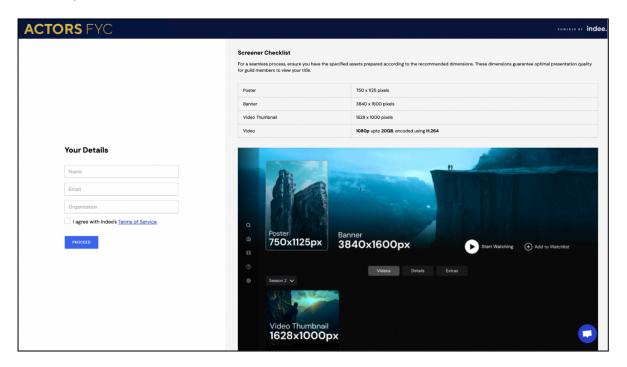
Digital Screener Submission Process

To begin your submission, click **Start Your Submission** in the header of the <u>landing page</u>, 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.

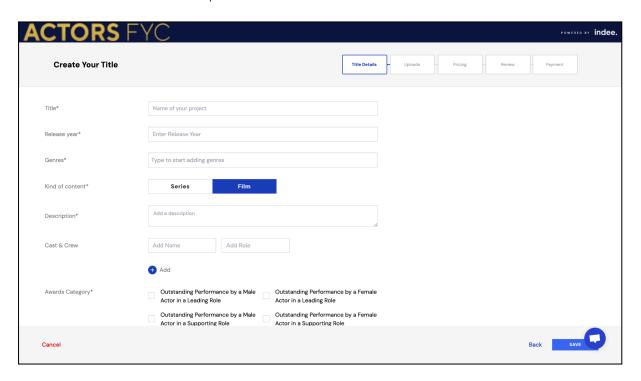
Note: If you're submitting on behalf of a distributor or studio, please enter the studio name in the **Organization** field.



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.



SAG 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 SAG Awards Submissions.

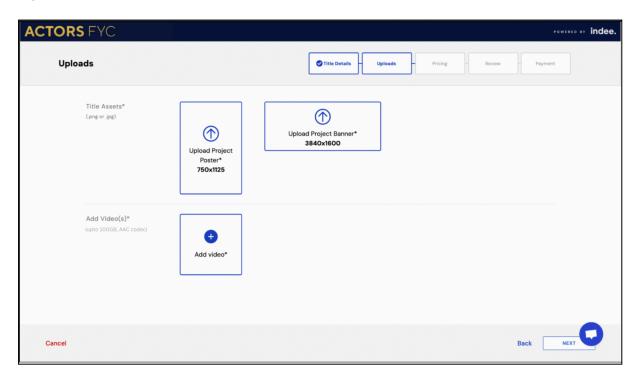
Awards Category*

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 <u>Requirements for a Digital Screener Submission</u> section for detailed specifications on each asset type.



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.

SAG Awards Specific Requirements:

Subtitles

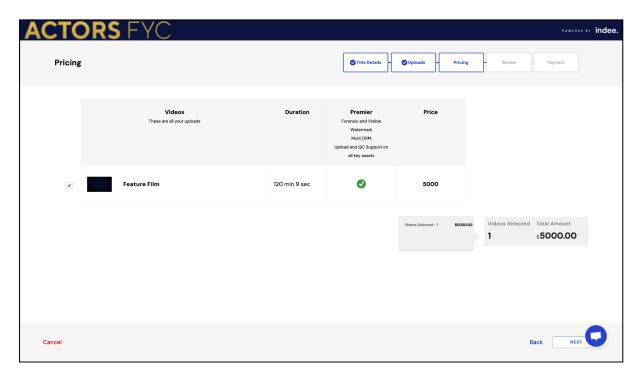
English subtitles are mandatory.

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.
- Micro-budget submissions: If your title qualifies as micro-budget, please contact <u>awards@indee.tv</u> to request a discount.



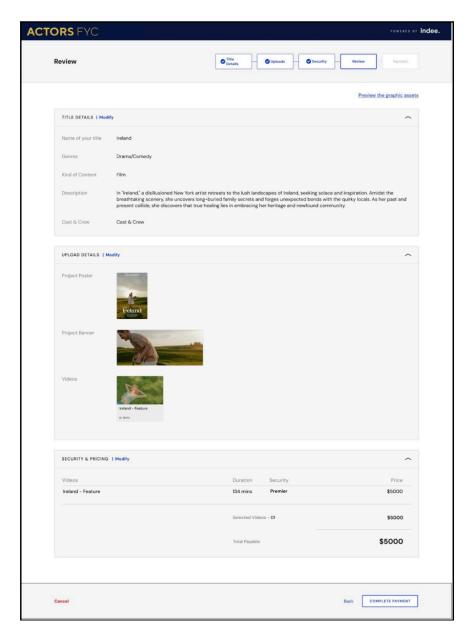
Please Note:

- 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.

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5. Review

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

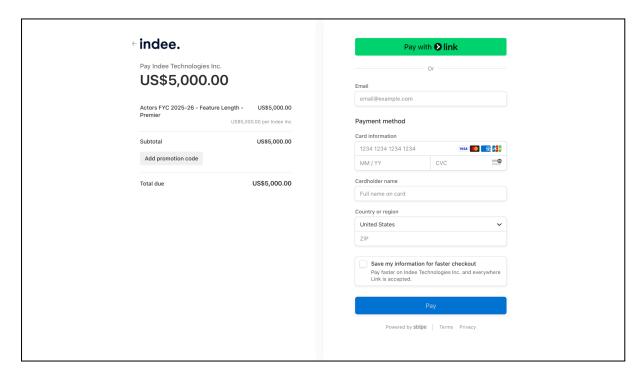


- Click Preview the Graphic Assets to see how your submission will appear to viewers.
- If you need to make changes, click the **Modify** button in any section.

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.



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.

FAQs

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.

Can I upload trailers, teasers, or supporting media?

Yes. During video upload, select the **Mark as Bonus Content** checkbox to indicate supporting media.

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 required during the post-nomination phase. Share your files with awards@indee.tv to get this added to your submission.