

54 Film Fest - Electronic Film Submission Procedure for PC

We have incorporated an important step to the submission process to allow everyone the ability to submit films electronically without lengthy uploads, which cut into the filmmaking timeframe. This step is to run a checksum program to generate a "File Checksum" for your film. This is a unique code that needs to be e-mailed to us by 11:59 PM CST on Sunday, February 25th for 54-hour films or by 5:59 PM CST on Sunday, March 3rd for 5 + 4 films. **We highly recommend that you upload and share your submission(s) prior to the deadline(s) as well.**

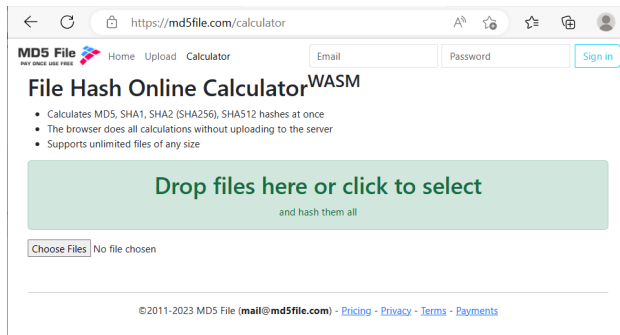
Once we receive your film, we will generate a file checksum on it. If the file you uploaded is the same one you ran the checksum on, the file checksums will match exactly. This confirms that your film was completed by the deadline. If they do not match, it means that the file we received was not the same one that was used to generate the File Checksum code you submitted on the Checksum Form. If only one frame of your film is changed, the file checksum code will be different. So please, **ONLY** upload the film that was used to generate the Film checksum.

Step by step instructions:

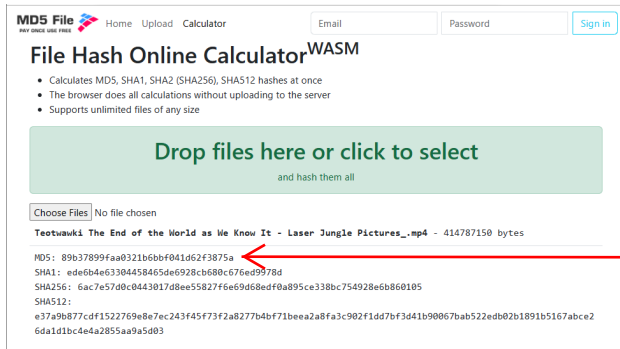
- 1) Export your film from your editing program. The file may be any size, but larger files will take longer to calculate.
- 2) Run a checksum on your exported film and submit the results on the Checksum Form (on the 54 Site/Link in 2c below).

a. Go to the following web site <https://md5file.com/calculator>

b. Drag your file onto the md5file.com web site or select "Choose Files" to locate your exported file. It may take a few minutes to analyze. **Please allow time for this process before the deadline.** It should go much faster on any given internet connection than a full upload on that same connection.



c. You will get a File Checksum result for MD5 (see arrow). Copy the MD5 checksum exactly and submit it on the Checksum Form at <https://forms.gle/zxvgo3WnL2ztpvL7A> and accessible via the Fest site.



- 3) Within 12 hours of the deadline (before Noon CST on 2/26/24 (54 Hour) or before 6am CST on 3/4/24 (5+4), upload the exact same file to to your assigned 54 Film Fest Google Drive team folder. Make sure not to change anything about the file after you run the checksum.