

## Rules & Regulations

- Screenplay must be able to be produced in the Greater Philadelphia area (includes the surrounding counties).
- All genres and story-telling approaches are acceptable.
- You can submit any number of feature length or TV pilot scripts but only ONE entry per application.
- Feature Length Screenplays must be between 85-130 pages in length and written in standard screenplay format. (i.e. 8.5" x 11" three hole punch paper with two or three brass brads, 12 pt courier font, simple front and back cover, with pages numbered.)
- Prime Time (TV) scripts should be half-hour or hour long, single-camera pilots, under 70 pages in length written in standard screenplay format. (i.e. 8.5" x 11" three hole punch paper with two or three brass brads, 12 pt courier font, simple front and back cover, with pages numbered.)
- A title page, with just the title, must accompany the screenplay. No author identification should appear on this page. Screenplays will be numbered for confidentiality.
- A separate cover page with the title and the author's name and address must accompany the screenplay, not be bound inside but inserted for easy removal. This cover page is the only place where the author's name should appear in the screenplay.
- If there is more than one writer, each must sign the release form for application to be accepted.
- Screenplays which are currently in production are ineligible.
- Judges' decisions are final.
- Entrants can receive notification that their submission was received by emailing a request to [joan@film.org](mailto:joan@film.org) after March 22, 2017 for early entries and after April 20, 2017 for final entries.
- Entrants can receive notification of their screenplay's status in the final round by emailing a request to [joan@film.org](mailto:joan@film.org) after July 13, 2017.
- To be eligible for the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia Regional Award, entrants must be residents of either Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware or Montgomery counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Mercer or Salem counties in the state of New Jersey or New Castle county in Delaware for the calendar year prior to the March 6, 2017 deadline.
- Entrants applying for the Regional Award are also eligible for the main competition and must provide a legible photocopy of their driver's license, deed or passport as proof of residency. Co-author must meet the same requirements.

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- To be eligible for the Student Award, entrants must supply legible photocopy of a current student id & proof of residency. Educational institution or permanent residence must be in Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware or Montgomery County. Co-author must meet the same requirements.
- Entrants applying for the Student Award are also eligible for the main competition.
- Screenplays will not be returned; please retain an original copy.
- Screenplays must be delivered by 5:00 PM on March 6, 2017 or postmarked by March 6, 2017 or electronically time stamped by midnight March 6, 2017 for Early Deadline (\$45 if paid by check, \$47 if paid electronically, includes processing fee). Screenplays must be delivered by 5:00 PM on April 3, 2017 or postmarked by April 3, 2017 or electronically time stamped by midnight April 3, 2017 for Final Deadline (\$65 if paid by check, \$67 if paid electronically, includes processing fee).

**You have the option of submitting electronically or with a traditional hard copy package.**

#### **YOUR HARD COPY PACKAGE SHOULD INCLUDE:**

- Your script with author not identified on the cover page
- A separate cover page with the title and the author's name and address, not bound inside but inserted
- Application & Release form
- Proof of residency or educational institution if applicable
- Check for application fee payable to "Greater Philadelphia Film Office," with your screenplay title in the memo line. Mail to: Greater Philadelphia Film Office Attn: SIP 1515 Arch Street, 11th Fl. Philadelphia, PA 19102

#### **YOUR ELECTRONIC PACKAGE SHOULD INCLUDE:**

- Your script with author not identified on the cover page
- A separate cover page with the title and the author's name and address, not bound inside but inserted
- Application & Release form (automatically loads when you click to submit electronically)
- Proof of residency or educational institution if applicable
- Payment via Paypal (\$47 early, \$67 final) or send check (\$45 early, \$65 final) payable to "Greater Philadelphia Film Office," with NAME OF SCREENPLAY in the memo line via snail mail.

All entrants are encouraged to register their screenplay with the Writers' Guild of America.

[www.wga.org](http://www.wga.org).