

## 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, if hard copy submission, 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, if hard copy, 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.
- 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 July 22, 2019 for early entries and after August 19, 2019 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 November 15, 2019, but finalists will be posted on our site. <https://film.org/greater-philadelphia-filmmakers/sip-screenwriting-competition/> by end of Nov.
- To be eligible for Regional Award, sponsored by The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia AND the Arts + Business Council of Greater Philadelphia, 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 July 8, 2019 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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- Entrants applying for the Oscar Micheaux Award are also eligible for the main and regional competitions and must provide a signed Micheaux eligibility form and a legible photocopy of their driver's license, deed or passport as proof of residency in Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware or Montgomery county.
- 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 Grand, Micheaux and Regional competitions.
- Screenplays will not be returned; please retain an original copy.
- Screenplays must be delivered by 5:00 PM on July 8, 2019 or postmarked by July 8, 2019 or electronically time stamped by midnight EST July 8, 2019 for Early Deadline (\$50 if paid by check, \$52 if paid electronically, includes processing fee). Screenplays must be delivered by 5:00 PM on August 5, 2019 or postmarked by August 5, 2019 or electronically time stamped by midnight EST August 5, 2019 for Final Deadline (\$75 if paid by check, \$77 if paid electronically, includes processing fee).

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

YOUR HARD COPY PACKAGE SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Your script with author not identified on the cover page
- Application & Release form
- Proof of residency, signed Micheaux eligibility form and/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
- Application & Release form (automatically loads when you click to submit electronically)
- Proof of residency, signed Micheaux form or student ID if applicable
- Payment via Paypal (\$50 + \$2 processing fee early, \$75 + \$2 processing fee final) or send check (\$50 early, \$75 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).**