

2012 Alberta Screenwriters Initiative Call for submissions

Deadline for Submissions: March 12, 2012

The Alberta Screenwriters Initiative was created in 2007 by the Alberta Film Partners with the assistance of the Alberta Association of Motion Picture and Television Unions (AAMPTU) to facilitate the development of screenwriters in this province. The Initiative recognizes the importance of story in the creation of filmed entertainment and the necessity to actively encourage and develop the voices of Alberta writers in film. The Writers Guild of Alberta administers the Initiative on behalf of the AAMPTU. The Initiative is supported by proceeds from the Annual Film Industry Wrap Party.

AAMPTU is seeking submissions for the 2012 Alberta Screenwriters Initiative. Feature film scripts of any genre, to a maximum length of 250 pages, from an Alberta based writer, are eligible. Limited to one entry per person.

The Initiative is open to new and experienced screenwriters. The assessment of script/screenplays includes evaluation of the writer's creativity, original voice, theme, character development, plot and overall quality of writing. Any and all genres (e.g. horror, romantic comedy, action, animation etc.) will be equally weighted. All entries must be submitted in industry standard feature-length screenplay format.

From all eligible submissions, a blind jury will select three ranked winners. The first place script/screenplay receives a workshop with a carefully matched experienced story editor or screenwriter and a cash prize of \$1000.00. The 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive story notes, editorial feedback and \$500.00 and \$250.00 respectively.

AAMPTU will arrange a series of in-person meetings between the first place writer and consulting story editor/screenwriter. The writer and consultant will focus on analyzing the original script/screenplay, rewriting, rethinking and planning for further development. The writer should leave these meetings with a clear process and vision of how to proceed to the next draft.

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*** The Alberta Association of Motion Picture and Television Unions (AAMPTU) represents over 2,800 entertainment industry professionals and 600 individual companies. AAMPTU is the largest stakeholder in the Alberta Film and Television Industry and our members are working toward its revitalization.**

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Guidelines and Eligibility Criteria:

- All script/screenplays must be written by an Alberta author (paid Alberta taxes in 2011).
- Script/screenplays must be between 80 – 250 pages.
- Eligible script/screenplays must be submitted in standard screenplay format and created by the writer named on the application.
- Screenplays that have been produced or optioned, or adapted without permission, are not eligible.
- Documentaries, treatments and television series proposals are not eligible.
- Rights & options (if applicable) must accompany submission.
- All submissions must be limited to one screenplay per person.

Submission Procedures:

- Submit resume and/or biographical information.
- Submit a cover letter with your name, address, phone, email address and title of script/screenplay.
- Include 4 bound copies of screenplay, three hole punched with brads, the title of your script/screenplay on every page and your name and address removed from all pages.
- Include a non-refundable \$40 application fee for each title, payable to the Writers Guild of Alberta.
- Complete and sign application form.

Writer's information:

Writer's Name: _____

Title of Screenplay: _____

Address _____

City _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code _____

Phone:(H) _____ Phone:(W) _____

Email: _____

Method of Payment Cash Cheque Visa Mastercard

Card No: _____ Expiry: _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Please make cheques payable to Writers Guild of Alberta.

Certification of Eligibility: By signing below we certify that the writer is a resident of Alberta, according to eligibility criteria.

Signed _____ Date: _____

SEND ALL SUBMISSIONS TO: WRITERS GUILD OF ALBERTA, PERCY PAGE CENTRE, 11759 GROAT ROAD,
EDMONTON, AB T5M 3K6. (780)422-8174, 1-800-665-5354.