

KNOXVILLE HORROR FILM FESTIVAL

FIRST ANNUAL SCREENPLAY CONTEST

Competition Rules and Guidelines

1. SCRIPT SUBMISSION Scripts are accepted as hard copy or electronic submission via email. To reduce your postage costs, we welcome you to submit your screenplay electronically in PDF format; if you opt for electronic submission you will be contacted with further instructions once fees and forms are received.
2. SIGNED FORMS Even if you choose to submit electronically, YOU MUST PRINT AND COMPLETE the entry and release forms (pages 3 & 4 of this document) and mail hard copies of both, along with your entry fee, to the following address:

KHFF Screenplay Contest
c/o William Mahaffey, Coordinator
1214 Luttrell Street
Knoxville, TN 37917

3. FEES & DEADLINES Checks or money orders should be made payable to William Mahaffey, KHFF, and submitted along with required paperwork. You may also pay online via our PayPal, accessible on the Screenplay Contest page on the KHFF site (www.knoxvillehorrorfest.com). To meet the respective deadlines your entry package and payment must be postmarked on or before the dates listed below; if submitting your script electronically we must receive the PDF within five days of notifying you of successful entry.
 - a. **Standard Entry Fee** is \$20 per screenplay, with a deadline of September 1, 2010.
 - b. **Early Entry Fee** is \$15 per screenplay, with a deadline of August 1st, 2010.
 - c. **Late Entry Fee** is \$25 per screenplay, with a deadline of September 14, 2010.
 - d. Our judges will also offer written feedback for your script for an additional \$45. (Opting for feedback does not increase your chances of winning.)

4. JUDGING
Screenplays will be evaluated by judges based on the strength of concept, execution, characterization, dialogue, and plot. Judges' decisions are final.

Judging will be anonymous. Your name, address, phone number, email, and title of your screenplay should be included on a cover page that is NOT attached to the script (this is not necessary in the case of electronic entries). Your name should NOT appear anywhere on the script. Each screenplay will be tracked and judged by a number that we will assign which will be linked to your personal information to ensure an impartial process.

5. STIPULATIONS

All entries must be in English and between 80 and 120 pages in length.

There is no limit to the number of screenplays you may enter, but a separate entry form, a separate release, and required entry fee must accompany EACH screenplay.

Scripts submitted via hard copy should be on 3-hole punched paper and bound with brads. Other forms of binding are acceptable, but the above is preferred.

Substitutions of new drafts will not be accepted after entry.

DO NOT submit your original or only copy. Scripts will NOT be returned.

Again, your name should NOT appear anywhere on the script. Personal information should only be included on the entry form and cover page you submit along with each script.

Submitted scripts must be original screenplays, and the sole property of the applicant(s). Adaptations of existing stories, books are not eligible except in the case of self-adaptations, where the screenwriter is also the author of the source material.

Script collaborations are allowed, however, each writer's name must be included on the entry form, and the work must be the sole and exclusive property of all entrants. In the event that a collaborative script is judged to be a prize-winning entry, the winners are responsible for division of the prizes awarded.

If a submitted screenplay becomes optioned or purchased between the time of submission and the end of the judging period, that screenplay will no longer be eligible.

Knoxville Horror Film Fest recommends that you copyright your screenplay with the library of congress and/or register it with the WGA.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINALISTS / WINNERS Three to five finalists (depending on contest response) will be announced October 1st, 2010. The winner will be announced at the Knoxville Horror Film Fest (October 22 & 23, 2010).

7. PRIZES The winner of the 2010 Knoxville Horror Screenplay Competition will receive a certificate, recognition at the 2010 Knoxville Horror Film Fest and on the KHFF website, and an assortment of horror-related prizes that may include the following: Books, magazines subscriptions, comic books, video games and DVDs. Prizes will be donated by Festival sponsors, and will be announced at the Festival. Four additional finalists will receive certificates and recognition on the KHFF website.

8. ELIGIBILITY Competition judges and organizers of the Knoxville Horror Film Fest, past and present, and their immediate families, are not eligible to enter.

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Entry Form

Please print and complete this form and include it with your submission. Please print clearly.

Author's Name	
Full Address	
Phone	Email
Script Title	Pages
Logline (One Sentence Description)	
Brief Synopsis	
How did you hear about our contest?	

check enclosed PayPal (receipt # _____)

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Release Form

Please print and complete this form and include it with your submission.

1. I have read and fully understand the rules of the competition and request that you read and evaluate the enclosed material, of which I am the sole author and have exclusive rights to submit to you under the terms stated herein.
2. I understand that KNOXVILLE HORROR FILM FESTIVAL SCREENPLAY CONTEST and its affiliates receive many stories, ideas and literary materials and that many of these stories, ideas and literary materials might be similar or identical to mine. While KNOXVILLE HORROR FILM FESTIVAL will not use my material, concepts or stories except in connection to the contest, it is standard industry practice to include this disclaimer and therefore I understand that I will not seek compensation or consideration because of KNOXVILLE HORROR FILM FESTIVAL or its affiliates' use of similar or identical concepts, ideas or similar stories. I attest that no confidential relationship has been established by submitting this material to you.
3. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless KNOXVILLE HORROR FILM FESTIVAL and its affiliates and anyone connected to this contest, against all demands, claims, losses, damages, costs, liability, judgements, and expenses (including attorney's fees) associated with submission to this competition.
4. I grant KNOXVILLE HORROR FILM FESTIVAL full, non-exclusive rights to use and publish my name, logline and synopsis for any and all promotional purposes if I win or become a finalist as deemed appropriate by KNOXVILLE HORROR FILM FESTIVAL. And even if I don't win or place in the contest, any communication from me to or about KNOXVILLE HORROR FILM FESTIVAL in any form or in any place may be used by KNOXVILLE HORROR FILM FESTIVAL for testimonial purposes.
5. I have retained at least one copy of the submitted material, and understand that the submitted copy will not be returned to me.
6. I understand that the judges' decisions are final.
7. I have read and understand this agreement. No oral or written representation of any kind has been made to me and this agreement states our entire understanding.

Signature _____ Print Name _____

Date _____

If under 18, a parent or guardian must sign and date below:

Signature _____ Print Name _____

Date _____