

Nevada County Media

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Thru the Lens Official Rules and Contest Entry Form **Deadline for Submission: April 22, 2019**

We are pleased to present the **2019 Thru the Lens: A Script to Silver Screen Event**. This script-to-film competition, a fundraiser for Nevada County Media (NCM), is open to all Nevada County residents. This is a short script/short film competition. Submitted scripts may not exceed ten pages typewritten; the resulting films made from these scripts may not exceed ten minutes.

Screenplay submissions will be evaluated by a panel of judges consisting of area professionals from the entertainment and digital/print media industries. Screenplays will be judged in the following categories: creativity/originality, storyline (the author establishes plot, resolution at end, believable dialogue, characters), formatting/mechanics, and Nevada County theme or Nevada County connection. (In addition, completed films will be judged again prior to the screening, by another panel of film and digital media professionals, in the following categories: Best Film, Best Screenplay, Best Director, Best Editor, Best Cinematographer, Best Original Score, Best Actor/Actress, and Best Supporting Actor/Actress.)

Ten scripts will be selected as the winning contenders in our script-to-film competition. Winning scripts are announced in May, 2019. **Thru the Lens** then kicks into full filmmaking mode as the authors of the winning scripts are assigned the challenging and rewarding task of self-producing their films over the summer. Completed films will be showcased at a Red Carpet Gala Premiere screening in October. Nevada County Media *encourages* themes that explore Nevada County's environment, culture, and history. Due to the fundraising nature of this event, NCM encourages all-volunteer casts and crew and *discourages* paid professional crew and talent.

Please print this entire entry form, complete, and snail mail to our address above, or submit electronically, via email, to: yvette@nevadacounty.org. Please direct questions pertaining to this contest to: yvette@nevadacountytv.org.

Directions for Screenplay Submission:

- The title of your screenplay should appear in the header of each numbered page. Do not put your name on your screenplay (your submission must remain anonymous to the judges).
- Please submit a properly formatted screenplay. There are many templates and websites available online. Following are two excellent websites that provide general information on formatting:
http://filmschoolonline.com/sample_lessons/sample_lesson_format.htm
<http://www.mensaforkids.org/teach/lesson-plans/writing-a-screenplay/>
- Thru the Lens is a ten-minute screenplay contest. Submitted scripts should not exceed ten pages typed; completed films may not exceed ten minutes.
- Submit this entry form, your screenplay, and the required \$25 entry fee for the Thru the Lens script-to-film competition, to Nevada County Media by mail or email (yvette@nevadacountytv.org), or drop it off at NCM offices (address above). Entry fees may be submitted via the PayPal button on the Thru the Lens webpage (nevadacountytv.org/thruthelens). **Entry form, screenplay, and payment must be submitted simultaneously by posted deadline, partial submissions will not be accepted.** Electronically submitted screenplays must be submitted in .pdf format. This entry form may be submitted electronically via this method: printed, completed and signed, scanned, and attached as a PDF with your PDF screenplay submission. Electronic submissions will not be accepted unless payment is made via the PayPal button at time of submission.
- Deadline for payment and screenplay drop-off at Nevada County Media's studio on New Mohawk Road is **5:00 p.m., April 22, 2019**. If the screenplay is submitted via the U.S. Postal Service, **it must be postmarked April 22, 2019**. Electronic submissions must be sent via email by **11:59 p.m., April 22, 2019**.
- Winning entries will be officially notified via email approximately two weeks after all submissions are received.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Title of script _____

Brief description of story/characters _____

Statement of Understanding (Please initial to indicate agreement):

- I understand that Nevada County Media (NCM) charges a non-refundable \$25 entry fee for the Thru the Lens screenplay contest. Snail mail submissions must be postmarked **April 22, 2019** and electronic submissions must be emailed no later than **11:59 p.m., April 22, 2019**. I understand that my screenplay may not be selected as a winning screenplay. _____ (Initial)
- I understand that NCM holds no responsibility for lost scripts. Do not send original documents. _____ (Initial)
- I understand that if my script is selected as a winning script, I will have approximately five months to produce a film from my script. This film will be shown at a public screening at a designated time and place. _____ (Initial)
- I understand that, if selected, I will oversee the production of my screenplay into a completed 10-minute (maximum length) film. I am responsible for my actions as well as the actions of my cast, crew, and others who work on my film, and will abide by the rules set forth in the Information Packet. _____ (Initial)
- I understand that I am responsible for obtaining the necessary signed release forms and permissions while producing my film. _____ (Initial)
- I understand that NCM supports film producers with a Cast and Crew Call. Producers who are paid NCM members in good standing will have access to equipment and studio time (on a first come, first serve basis). _____ (Initial)
- I understand that if my work and materials are selected, I will grant Nevada County Media a royalty-free, non-exclusive, indefinite right and license to reproduce, distribute, and excerpt all materials on any media platform. In addition, permission and license are granted for incorporation of my submission into all types of related promotional materials by NCM. _____ (Initial)
- I understand that I am prohibited from posting any promotional videos, music videos, or trailers of my film anywhere (including the internet, YouTube, and social media) **prior to** judging of completed films. _____ (Initial)
- I understand that I may screen a short promotional video, not to exceed 30 seconds, beginning **one week prior to** the Red Carpet Gala. _____ (Initial)
- ***I understand that I am strictly prohibited from screening my completed film in any public forum or theater, or the internet, YouTube, Facebook, or on any form of social media, prior to the Red Carpet Gala Premiere. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification and my film will not be screened and any awards may be rescinded.*** _____ (Initial)

Production Parameters (Please initial to indicate agreement):

- The maximum length for each film is 10:00:00 minutes, including credits. Films longer than 10:00:00 minutes will not be accepted, and, once rejected, you will have 24 hours to edit to the required length and resubmit. _____ (Initial)
- Your film must be submitted in 1920 x 1080 resolution at 30 frames per second, in either 16:9 (1.78:1), or 21:9 (2.39:1) aspect ratio (21:9 films must maintain 1920 x 1080 resolution. Letterboxing is acceptable). _____ (Initial)
- This is a family friendly event. NCM reserves the right to reject any screenplay or completed film that contains strong profanity, gratuitous violence, nudity, or that may offend or disturb any of our intended audience or members of our community. All films will be previewed prior to screening. _____ (Initial)
- We strongly encourage scripts and completed films that reflect the beauty, history, culture, and environment of Nevada County. _____ (Initial)
- Films must follow U.S. and international copyright laws. Films and scripts must use only original visual and sound effects, images, and video content.
Absolutely no stock footage is permitted from any source (copyright protected or public domain). _____ (Initial)
- Original music is encouraged. If music is acquired from another source, all necessary releases and permissions to use the copyrighted material must be submitted at the time the film is submitted. _____ (Initial)
- Completed films that do not follow these Production Parameters will be disqualified. _____ (Initial)
- ***Nevada County Media reserves the right to reject a screenplay or film for any reason.*** _____ (Initial)

Film Submission Requirements (Please initial to indicate agreement):

- I understand that the submission deadline for completed films is Monday, September 16, 2019. _____ (Initial)
- Physical submission: USB flash drive.
Duration: no more than 10:00:00 minutes.
Frame rate: 30 frames per second.
Video export size: 16:9 or 21:9 aspect ratio, 1920 x 1080p (absolutely no other resolutions allowed, any necessary letterboxing is okay).
Export encoding: MP4 (.mov or .mp4), Progressive.
Export bitrate: 25,000 kilobits/seconds (25Mb/s) to 35,000 kb/s (35Mb/s). File size not to exceed 3.0 GB (adjust bitrate to control file size). _____ (Initial)

If your script is chosen, please keep a copy of the Production Parameters and Submission Requirements to refer to during production. If, during production, you have any questions or concerns about the Production Parameters, please contact yvette@nevadacountytv.org.

Signature Page:

My signature below confirms that I have read the rules stated in this entry form, including the Directions for Screenplay Submission, Statement of Understanding, Production Parameters, Film Submission Requirements, and I understand and agree with all of the above stated criteria for submission and agree to the terms outlined herein. I understand that my screenplay, entry fee, and completed entry form must be submitted electronically by the 11:59 p.m., April 22, 2019 deadline **or** postmarked by 5:00 p.m., April 22, if submitted via snail mail. My check, payable to Nevada County Media, is enclosed, or I have submitted my entry fee via the PayPal button on the Thru the Lens webpage located on the NCM website (nevadacountytv.org/thruthelens).

Any questions may be directed to yvette@nevadacountytv.org.

Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If applicant is under 18, a parent or guardian must sign below.

Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____