Department of English
Writing Awards
Screenplays

Guidelines for Preparing Manuscripts for Screenplays

Eligibility

Open to any currently registered undergraduate at Carnegie Mellon.

Format
Entries in this category should follow screenplay formatting guidelines.

1. All work must be typed according to the formatting guidelines in the genre in which you are working.

2. Either a complete short screenplay (up to 25 pages) or the first 25 pages of a feature- length screenplay. If you are submitting the first 25 pages of your feature length film you must also include a synopsis of your entire screen story. This should run about a page.
3. A title page should accompany submission. Your name, address, the title of your submission, and the category (e.g. nonfiction) should appear on the title page. Your name should not appear anywhere else in the manuscript.

4. Pages of the manuscript should not be stapled together (paperclips, folders, and binder clips are acceptable). Pages should be numbered.