



Writers Guild of Canada

Jim Burt Screenwriting Prize 2017

Call for Entries

The Writers Guild of Canada is pleased to announce the call for entries for the Jim Burt Screenwriting Prize. The prize was created to continue the work of the late Jim Burt to recognize his lifelong commitment to promoting Canadian writing.

In a 20-year career at the CBC, Jim's championing of Canadian writers and their stories resulted in the production of some 75 longform dramas including *Big Bear*, *The Boys of St. Vincent*, *Little Criminals* and *Million Dollar Babies*. These productions met with national and international acclaim and embodied excellence in Canadian stories.

Upon Jim's death in 1999, his family requested that any donations made in his memory be placed in a fund that would honour what Jim fought for and personified – excellence in Canadian longform dramatic writing. With the generous support of the CBC, CTV and Alliance Atlantis, the Writers Guild of Canada was pleased to hold the inaugural competition in 2002.

The winning screenplay is determined by a jury, which selects the best unproduced longform script of the quality Jim Burt championed.

The winner, announced at the WGC Screenwriting Awards on April 24th, 2017, will be presented with a total prize worth \$5,000. The winner will receive a \$3,000 cash prize, and \$2,000 will be allotted for an experienced story editor approved by the jury in order to further develop their script.

Deadline for entries: Friday, February 10th, 2017, 5:30 p.m. EST

To be eligible, screenplay entries must:

- be unproduced longform, feature-length screenplays
- be an original work of the applicant and not based, in whole or part, on another author's work
- not be under option prior to, or during, the competition

To be eligible, writers must:

- be a Canadian citizen, resident in Canada
- possess a writing credit on a produced drama (including shorts) or webseries

The Jim Burt Screenwriting Prize is open to all members of the Writers Guild of Canada, as well as non-members who meet the above criteria.

- only ONE entry per writer/team will be accepted

The entrant acknowledges and agrees that the jury may, based on the merit of the submissions, at its sole discretion, deem that no award be presented.

The Jim Burt Screenwriting Prize is made possible with the generous support of individual contributors as well as:



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Entry Form

Screenplay Title: _____

Name of Writer(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Eligibility Criteria

Please provide details:

I possess a writing credit on a produced drama (including shorts) or webseries project

Title: _____

Producer: _____

Broadcast/release date: _____

Verification may be requested

Applicant warrants: that the material submitted is original and that s/he is the sole author. This work does not infringe any copyright, or contain any unlawful or libelous matter. The material submitted is not based, in whole, or in part, on another author's work. It has never been produced and has not been optioned or under contract. The information provided by the Applicant is true. Applicant agrees to accept the decision of the judges of this competition.

Applicant acknowledges that WGC may, in its sole discretion, provide copies of all scripts and written materials submitted to the competition (the “Materials”) to any or all of the sponsors of the competition, which may include, without limitation, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, CTV Inc. and Alliance Atlantis Communications Inc. (the “Sponsors”) for review and assessment. Applicant hereby consents to such provision to the Sponsors and expressly and irrevocably releases the WGC, its successors, directors, officers, employees, assignees, and licencees from any and all claims and demands of any kind or nature arising out of or in connection with the provision of such Materials by the WGC (or failure to provide same) as contemplated herein or the use, or failure to use of the Materials by any or all of the Sponsors, including, without limitation, all claims for infringement of copyright, breach of confidentiality or any other personal or property rights.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Enclosed (please check off):

- completed and signed application form. If there is more than one writer, the form and release MUST be signed by all writers.
 - two copies of feature length screenplay. Cover page should display title only - name and address must be removed.
 - one page (or less) summary of your screenplay
- All materials must be received in the WGC offices by Friday, February 10th, 2017, 5:30 p.m. E.S.T.
 - Please note, entries will not be returned and will be destroyed upon conclusion of the competition.
 - The entrant acknowledges and agrees that the jury may, based on the merit of the submissions, at its sole discretion, deem that no award be presented in this category.

Send to: **Jim Burt Screenwriting Prize 2017**
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