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**BALTIMORE SCREENWRITERS COMPETITION**  
**NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS**

The **Baltimore Film Office** at the **Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA)** is accepting entries for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual **Baltimore Screenwriters Competition**. The competition is open to all screenwriters. Applicants can submit screenplays in the feature or shorts categories. Scripts must be set in or can be filmed in Baltimore. The top entries in each category win cash prizes, and feature winners also receive all access passes to the 2020 Maryland Film Festival and passes to local movie theaters. The deadline for submissions is **Monday, January 13, 2020 by 5pm**. The application and guidelines are available online at [www.baltimorefilm.com](http://www.baltimorefilm.com). The Baltimore Screenwriters Competition is a project of the Baltimore Film Office, a division of BOPA, in conjunction with film programs at Johns Hopkins University and Morgan State University. Funding is provided by The Arts Insurance Program, a division of Maury, Donnelly and Parr. Additional support is courtesy of the Maryland Film Festival, NEXTCAR and Visit Baltimore.

Submitted scripts receive coverage from students in the Johns Hopkins University and Morgan State University screenwriting programs and by local screenwriters and producers. The final screenplays are judged by film industry professionals. Winners of the competition are announced during the 2020 Maryland Film Festival on Saturday, May 2, 2020.

In the feature category, the first place winner receives **\$1,500**, an all access pass to the 2020 Maryland Film Festival, a Weekend in Baltimore Package, a rental car for the weekend and passes to area movie theaters. The second place winner receives **\$750**, an all access pass to the festival and movie passes. The third place winner receives **\$350**, an all access pass to the festival and movie passes. In the shorts category, winners will receive cash prizes.

For more information on the **Baltimore Screenwriters Competition**, call 410-752-8632 or visit [www.baltimorefilm.com](http://www.baltimorefilm.com).

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