

# EAST BRUNSWICK ARTS COALITION FEATURE FILM INITIATIVE

## SCREENWRITING COMPETITION - OFFICIAL RULES AND TERMS

The East Brunswick Arts Coalition (EB Arts), in association with Chiron Films, Inc., announces a screenwriting competition to select an original screenplay for production as a feature film to be shot entirely within East Brunswick Township.

### ELIGIBILITY

1. Open to legal residents of Middlesex County, New Jersey only
2. Entrants must be 18 years of age or older at time of submission
3. No entry fee required
4. Employees and board members of EB Arts and Chiron Films, Inc., and their immediate family members, are ineligible to participate

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. **Content Guidelines:**
  - Genre: Drama, Comedy, Romance, or Suspense (no Horror or Action)
  - Content must be appropriate for PG-13 equivalent rating
  - Story must be producible entirely within East Brunswick Township
  - Must be feasible for production with non-union volunteer cast and crew
  - Runtime target: 80-100 minutes
2. **Formatting Requirements:**
  - Standard industry screenplay format (Courier 12pt font)
  - Properly formatted title page with contact information
  - Page count: 90-120 pages maximum
  - PDF format only
  - Must include a one-page synopsis and logline as separate attachment
3. **Submission Window:**
  - Opens: April 1, 2025 at 12:01 AM EST
  - Closes: May 15, 2025 at 11:59 PM EST
  - Late submissions will not be considered
4. **Submission Method:**
  - Electronic submission to [film@ebarts.org](mailto:film@ebarts.org)

- Subject line must read: "EB Film Screenplay Submission - [Title]"

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND RIGHTS

### 1. Submission Rights:

- **Limited Competition License:** By submitting, entrants grant East Brunswick Arts Coalition (EB Arts) a non-exclusive license to use the screenplay for competition purposes only (reading, judging, promotion of the competition).
- **Copyright Ownership:** Entrants retain full copyright of their submissions. The winning writer retains full copyright of their script.
- **Production Agreement:** Selection of a winning script indicates EB Arts' intent to produce the film on a volunteer, non-profit basis. The winning writer agrees to grant EB Arts an exclusive, royalty-free license for film adaptation, solely for this non-profit project.
- **Confidentiality:** EB Arts will take reasonable measures to protect confidentiality, but scripts will be shared with judges.
- **Release:** Entrants release EB Arts from liability related to the competition.

### 2. Winning Screenplay Rights:

- The winning screenplay becomes the sole and exclusive property of EB Arts
- EB Arts will acquire all rights, title, and interest in the winning screenplay, including copyright
- The winner agrees to execute any documents necessary to transfer these rights to EB Arts

### 3. Credit and Participation:

- Winning screenwriter will receive "Written by" screen credit in the produced film
- Winning screenwriter may be invited to participate in script development and production observation at EB Arts and Chiron Films' sole discretion
- Participation depends on writer availability, constructive attitude, and valuable input
- Winning screenwriter will not have final creative control over script revisions or production decisions

## JUDGING PROCESS

### 1. Selection Criteria:

- Creative originality (25%)
- Story structure and character development (25%)
- Dialogue quality (20%)
- Production feasibility within East Brunswick Township (20%)
- Local relevance and appeal (10%)

### 2. Review Process:

- Preliminary round: May 16 - June 16, 2025
- Final review: June 17 - June 30, 2025

- Winner announcement: July 1, 2025
- 3. **Judging Panel:**
  - Comprised of film industry professionals, EB Arts representatives, and community stakeholders
  - All decisions are final and binding

## PRODUCTION TERMS

1. **Non-Commercial Status:**
  - This is a non-union, volunteer-based production
  - No monetary compensation will be provided for script submission or participation
  - Production operates under EB Arts's 501(c)(3) non-profit status
2. **Revenue Allocation:**
  - Any revenue generated through exhibition, distribution, or other means will be directed to EB Arts funds will support EB Arts's mission of providing arts programming and opportunities within the community

## LEGAL PROVISIONS

1. **Release and Waiver:**
  - Entrants release EB Arts, Chiron Films, Inc., and their respective members, officers, directors, employees, and volunteers from all claims arising from participation
2. **Competition Modification:**
  - EB Arts reserves the right to modify, suspend, or cancel the competition at any time for any reason
3. **Rules Acceptance:**
  - Submission constitutes full and unconditional acceptance of these Official Rules and Terms

## CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding the competition, please contact:

- Executive Producer: Cee French, Chiron Films, Inc.
- Email: [film@ebarts.org](mailto:film@ebarts.org)
- Phone: 917-686-6180
- [www.ebarts.org](http://www.ebarts.org)
- [www.chironfilms.com](http://www.chironfilms.com)