

The OregonMade Screenwriter's Residency Award - 2019

The OregonMade Creative Foundation (in conjunction with Oregon Film), Northwest Film Center and PLAYA announce the third straight year of a unique residency opportunity for screenwriters and filmmakers.

This program calls for proposals from screenwriters, filmmakers and related creators to work on a script/story/pitch/narrative project during an up to 2-week residency at PLAYA in Summer Lake, Oregon.

The **OregonMade Screenwriter's Residency Award** is open to Oregon Resident filmmakers, screenwriters and other creative teams (no more than 3) to develop and write a narrative project with a "historic" theme that is set here in the Northwest. This "historic" theme can tell a traditional story set in the near or distant past or it can have a new spin - something contemporary or even imagined based on historic events. *However, the story should focus on people, cultures, traditions, events or communities that are not traditionally covered or heard from.*

Award winners will receive:

- A \$1,000 stipend for travel and expenses.
- An up to 2 week residency at PLAYA to develop and work on their project in the south central Oregon Outback.

The residency should be used to further develop a detailed outline, complete a first draft and/or finalize an existing draft of a script in the inspirational surroundings of PLAYA. Other structures or creative processes will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The selection process will have two parts:

- 1) The submission of a written idea;
- 2) If needed, an in-person presentation to a specially selected review committee for the top five best judged submissions.

This partnership embraces the Northwest's long history of filmmaking, storytelling and a culture of inspirational locations and it's unique voice of its writers. The **OregonMade Screenwriter's Residency Award** seeks to expand the depth and breadth of storytelling while finding its characters, setting and source in the Northwest.

SUBMISSION DETAILS:

1. Written submissions should be limited to 2500 words or less (not including supporting images or footage). Your submission should reflect a significant connection to the chosen theme, a description of how your story depicts people, cultures, traditions, events or communities that are not traditionally covered or heard from, and a brief description of how the project would be served by an up to 2-week residency at PLAYA.
2. Submissions should be sent to: makeit@oregonmade.org by 5pm on June 14, 2019.

3. Along with your submission, please send a brief bio and contact information for all involved parties. Please include the phrase *“OregonMade Screenwriters Residency Award - 2019”* in your email subject line.
4. The finalists will be notified by the end of May, 2019.
5. The residency at Playa should occur between September 2019 and October 2020, subject to availability and coordination with Playa.
6. Apart from the right to present the work, in some format, all rights will remain with the creative team.
7. The travel stipend for the PLAYA residency will be given once your residency dates are confirmed. While we highly encourage you to utilize the experience of the residency and its resources while writing and/or developing your project, it is not a requirement. More information about PLAYA can be found at www.playasummerlake.org.
8. Oregon residency will need to be verified for the majority of the team members.
9. The final product of this program should be a narrative project in the form of a completed script or detailed outline, with visual aides and/or footage, or even a completed, filmed project ready for an audience.

The **Oregon Screenwriter’s Residency Award** is a partnership program from Oregon Film, The Northwest Film Center, the OregonMade Creative Foundation and PLAYA to further their collective mission to empower creative inspiration and give individuals the space, solitude and community to create work that supports innovative thinking in the arts, literature and natural sciences.

Questions? Please reach out us on MakeIt@OregonMade.org

