



PENS TO LENS

On February 1st the Champaign-Urbana Film Society (CUFS) will be launching the Pens To Lens Screenwriting Competition, a community screenwriting competition for K-12 Students. The goal is to inspire students to think visually and tell compelling stories through the medium of film. CUFS will be working closely with the Champaign-Urbana Design Organization (CUDO) and Champaign Movie Makers (CMM) to take student penned scripts all the way through the filmmaking process.

Students in Champaign County are invited to write and submit screenplays for short films starting February 1st. After the screenplay submission deadline on February 28th, the submissions will be reviewed by writing judges, designers, and filmmakers. The writing judges will choose awards, the designers will make movie posters and character sketches based on chosen screenplays, and the filmmakers will choose screenplays to produce into actual short films. The awards, final produced films, and design art will be presented at a free screening gala open to the community at the Art Theater in May.

All information for the competition, including submission guidelines and a sample curriculum for teachers, are available online at PensToLens.com. The Pens To Lens Board is excited to work with teachers and parents, and can answer any questions sent to info@PensToLens.com.



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