Script Deadlines — Screenwriting Deadline Calendar

Upcoming US contest, fellowship & lab deadlines, Oct 2026 – Jul 2027. Checked Oct 17, 2026. Fees show the lowest current tier; always confirm on the official page. Live list + free Friday email: scriptdeadlines.com

Deadline	Opportunity	Type	Fee
Oct 19, 2026	Scriptapalooza Television Writing Competition	Contest	$55+
Oct 20, 2026	Outstanding Screenplays TV Pilot Competition	Contest	$49+
Oct 20, 2026	Filmmatic Horror/Thriller Screenplay Awards	Contest	$25+
Oct 21, 2026	Stage 32 Search for New Blood Screenwriting Contest (13th)	Contest	$59.50+
Oct 22, 2026	ISA Great Pitch Competition	Contest	Free
Oct 24, 2026	Breaking Walls Thriller Screenplay Contest	Contest	$85+
Oct 27, 2026	Manchester Film Festival Screenplay Competition	Contest	$60+
Oct 28, 2026	Stage 32 + Millennium Media Action Thriller Screenwriting Contest	Contest	$79.50+
Oct 29, 2026	The Golden Script Competition	Contest	$55.59+
Oct 29, 2026	ISA Fast Track Fellowship (Spring)	Fellowship	$49+
Oct 29, 2026	B!tchFest Film Festival & Screenplay Contest	Contest	$70+
Oct 30, 2026	CineStory Foundation Residency	Fellowship	$30+
Oct 31, 2026	Wiki Screenplay Contest	Contest	$69+
Oct 31, 2026	Santa Barbara International Screenplay Awards (Fall)	Contest	$94+
Oct 31, 2026	Palm Springs International Screenplay Awards (Fall)	Contest	$74+
Oct 31, 2026	Pitch Now Screenplay Competition	Contest	$29+
Oct 31, 2026	Killer Shorts Horror Short Screenplay Competition	Contest	$30+
Oct 31, 2026	13Horror.com Film & Screenplay Contest (Halloween)	Contest	$39+
Nov 1, 2026	Cassian Elwes Independent Screenwriting Fellowship	Fellowship	Black List hosting
Nov 1, 2026	New York New Stories Screenplay Contest	Contest	$70+
Nov 2, 2026	Joan Bressler Set in Philadelphia Screenwriting Competition	Contest	$100+
Nov 2, 2026	Women in Film x The Black List Episodic Lab	Lab	$40+
Nov 6, 2026	Atlanta Film Festival Screenplay Competition	Contest	$110+
Nov 6, 2026	Los Angeles International Screenplay Awards	Contest	$45+
Nov 7, 2026	Finish Line Script Competition	Contest	$58+
Nov 10, 2026	BlueCat Screenplay Competition	Contest	$50+
Nov 13, 2026	Cinequest Screenwriting Competition	Contest	$85+
Nov 16, 2026	Stowe Story Labs Writers' Retreats	Lab	$57+
Nov 18, 2026	Stage 32 Feature Comedy Screenwriting Contest (11th)	Contest	$59.50+
Nov 27, 2026	New Hope Film Festival Script Competition	Contest	$70+
Dec 1, 2026	Scriptapalooza Screenplay Competition	Contest	$45+
Dec 4, 2026	NRDC Climate Storytelling Fellowship	Fellowship	Free
Dec 30, 2026	Script Pipeline Screenwriting & TV Writing Competition	Contest	$60+
Jan 8, 2027	Michael Collyer Memorial Fellowship in Screenwriting	Fellowship	Black List hosting
Jun 1, 2027	Black List Annual Labs	Lab	Black List hosting

2027 dates not yet announced (watch for these): Austin Film Festival Screenplay & Teleplay Competition, Final Draft Big Break Screenwriting Contest, PAGE International Screenwriting Awards, Slamdance Screenplay Competition, Humanitas New Voices Fellowship, ISA Diversity Initiative, Film Independent Episodic Lab, CAPE New Writers Fellowship, The Writers Lab (women & nonbinary writers over 40), Paramount Writers Mentoring Program, 1497 Features Lab, Inevitable Foundation Accelerate Fellowship, NBCUniversal Launch TV Writers Program, National Hispanic Media Coalition Series Scriptwriters Program, Academy Nicholl Fellowships in Screenwriting