



Dwight Harvest Days Short Film Festival

September 2019

Get your masterpiece shown on the big screen! Every year, Dwight Harvest Days presents movies for the community in its Outdoor Theater. To celebrate Harvest Days' 40th Anniversary, we are taking advantage of the Outdoor Theater to present short films ("shorts") created by those in the Dwight area. The top 8 short films will be selected and played on the side of the PNB bank in Downtown Dwight during Harvest Days weekend.

Eligibility

The Dwight Short Film Festival is open to all adults and high school students who reside within a 20 mile radius of Dwight or who attend a high school within a 20 mile radius of Dwight. This includes

- Blackstone
- Bonfield
- Braidwood
- Cabery
- Campus
- Carbon Hill
- Cayuga
- Coal City
- Cornell
- Cullom
- Diamond
- Dwight
- Emington
- Essex
- Gardner
- Herscher
- Kempton
- Kernan
- Kinsman
- Manville
- Mazon
- Missal
- Morris
- Odell
- Pontiac
- Ransom
- Reddick
- Rugby
- Saunemin
- Seneca
- Stelle
- Verona
- Willow Ridge
- Wilmington
- Wing

- Students attending:
- Coal City H.S.
 - Dwight Twp H.S.
 - Herscher H.S.
 - Morris H.S.
 - Pontiac Twp H.S.
 - Reed-Custer H.S.
 - Seneca H.S.
 - Tri Point H.S.

At least one primary contributor (writer, director, cinematographer, or editor) must meet all of the above criteria for a team to enter.

Film Requirements

The film may be of just about any genre (drama, comedy, documentary, science fiction, horror, etc.), but it should be an **original, scripted work**. We will not consider recordings of live performances (singing, stand-up comedy, etc.) The film should also meet these criteria:

- The length of the film must be between 8 and 15 minutes (at least 8 without credits and no more than 15 with credits).
- It should be an original work written by one or more members of the submitting team.
- The content should be of sufficient good taste that it would meet PG-13 standards and be suitable for public display. The judging panel maintains all rights to exclude a film from consideration that, in its judgement, does not meet this requirement or to cut out objectionable material.
- It must be produced in the year leading up to the festival, with filming ending August 1, 2018 or after.

Awards

Films will be evaluated and ranked by a panel of judges. Given that films will be submitted in a variety of genres, each judge will rank films looking at the overall value of each film, taking into consideration characteristics pertinent to each film's genre, rather than using a standardized score sheet. Individual judge rankings will be compiled to determine overall rankings.

The top 8 films, as ranked by the judging panel, will be played at the Dwight Harvest Days Short Film Festival at the Harvest Days Outdoor Theater in Downtown Dwight on Friday, September 19, 2019. The first place winner will receive a trophy, and the second through eighth place winners will receive a medal.

Copyright

Be careful not to utilize any music, film, or words that would be subject to copyright protection.

Contact Information

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact John Salzer at jsalzer@mac.com.

Entering the Festival

Your final product should be submitted in .mp4 format on a USB flash drive. Mail the flash drive, along with a completed and signed application form, to:

Dwight Harvest Days
Attn: Short Film Festival
PO Box 152
Dwight, IL 60420

ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 1, 2019



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SUBMISSION FORM

This submission form should be sent with your video. It should be completed by a member of the production team who meets both the age and residency requirement as specified on the information page.

Your final product should be submitted in .mp4 format on a USB flash drive. Mail the flash drive, along with a completed and signed application form, to:

Dwight Harvest Days, Attn: Short Film Festival, PO Box 152, Dwight, IL 60420

Personal Information

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: () _____

e-Mail: _____

Age at the time of video submission: _____ High School (if applicable): _____

Film Info

Title of Film: _____

How would you classify the film? _____

The names of everyone who contributed to the production (writer, producer, director, cameraman, actor, set designer, video editor, etc.) should be included in the credits in an easily readable format.

I agree that by submitting a video to Dwight Harvest Days and/or by appearing in such a video, I am voluntarily participating in contest and festival. I have the permission of everyone who contributed (on or off camera) to submit this video in its final format.

I understand that I, as video creator, maintain my rights to my creation. However, by participating in the festival, I grant certain rights to Dwight Harvest Days. I agree that my video submission and/or appearance may, in whole or in part, be displayed publicly during the festival or related events, be utilized in the marketing of Dwight Harvest Days and/or the festival, and/or be distributed by Dwight Harvest Days on DVD or other media formats, whether for profit or free of charge, without royalty. Dwight Harvest Days will have the right to reproduce, exhibit, perform, display, distribute, and transmit the video (or authorize others to do so) in any manner and media (including online).

Dwight Harvest Days will be free to use my video submission and/or my appearance in submitted material and in any derivative works. I consent to publication of information provided in the video's credits, and I waive any rights of privacy and/or publicity that I might otherwise have with regard to the video(s), and any promotion or derivative work of the video(s). I also certify that the information provided in the credits portion of the video is correct and complete.

I understand that I will not be paid for my video submission, appearance, or participation in the efforts of Dwight Harvest Days and its Short Film Festival, or for the rights granted in this release.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE BEFORE SIGNING IT AND THAT I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): _____ Date: _____