Screenwriting Sessions (All held virtually unless otherwise noted)

| Session | Date | Time (CST) |
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| Virtual Kickoff Meeting *Introduction *Description of Initiative *Next steps | Saturday, 12/9/23 | 10 – 11 AM & 2 – 3 PM Same content will be covered. |
| Check-In #1 : Fundamentals of Screenwriting I & Final Draft [®] | Saturday, 12/30/23 | 10 – 11 AM |
| Check-In #2 : Title page & first 5 pages of a feature screenplay or the teaser of a teleplay (i.e., television series) | Saturday, 1/13/24 | 10 – 11 AM |
| Screenwriting and working with mentors to develop script | Mentors will monitor screenwriters' progress regularly. | Ongoing |
| Check-In #3 : Fundamentals of Screenwriting II & How to craft a compelling logline | Saturday, 3/9/24 | 10 – 11 AM |
| Screenwriting and working with mentors to develop script | Mentors will monitor screenwriters' progress regularly. | Ongoing |
| Check-In #4: Anonymous Table Reads | Saturday, 6/1/24 [In-Person Location: TBD] | 12 – 3 PM |
| Script Revisions & Refinement | Youth will revise and refine their scripts with mentoring. | Ongoing |
| Scripts to be Submitted for Judging | Friday, 6/21/24 | By 5 PM No late submissions will be accepted. |
| Semi-final Selections: Announcement of Top 3 scripts to move on to Final Round | Saturday, 7/6/24 | By 11 PM |
| Finalizations of Top 3 Screenplays | Mentors will provide feedback and monitor screenwriters' progress regularly. | Ongoing |
| Scripts to be Submitted for Final Round of Judging | Friday, 7/15/24 | By 5 PM No late submissions will be accepted. |
| Table Read of Top 3 Scripts Final Selection & Announcement of the Winning Screenplay | Monday, 7/22/24 – Friday, 7/26/24 | At some point during the Jackson Film Festival |

Partial List of Prizes

• Interview on the Literacy Hour Radio Talk Show hosted by



• Paid 1-year subscription of



• Free Professional Script analysis by Mr. Michael Ray Brown of



• Paid entry into a screenwriting competition via



• Table Read and recognition at the 2024

