

## 2024 - OSM/MFM Script Angel Feature Film Accelerator

### Purpose

The OSM/MFM [Script Angel](#) Feature Film Accelerator is a 6-month program to coach 5 selected Manitoba writers to produce an industry-standard feature screenplay and supporting pitch material by providing an intensive script and talent development process. **Priority will be given to underrepresented applicants.**

### Program Outline

Up to five writers will be selected by a blind jury convened by OSM.

Each scriptwriter will be assigned an experienced screenwriting coach / story editor from Script Angel who will work one-on-one via a combination of monthly video calls and written summary notes to provide the following over the six-month period:

- A structured development process to identify strengths and weaknesses in the project and the writing (for example, but not limited to, story structure, characterisation, theme, dialogue) and provide a strategy for addressing these;
- Feedback on drafts (as outline or treatment or script) via a combination of monthly Zoom calls and written summary notes.
- Regular reporting to On Screen Manitoba on progress of writers and projects.
- Make available all project/script written notes as delivered to writer.

Successful participants must be available to participate in this program from March to September 2024. Feedback and communication will be both online and via email during that time. The participants will be expected to consider the comments provided by Script Angel and to complete revisions in a timely manner.

In order to be eligible for this program, **all applicants must:**

- Be a Manitoba resident for not less than 365 days prior to the date of application to this program. Evidence of Manitoba residency may be requested;
- Attend the virtual Script Angel Feature Film Accelerator information session. This session will also be recorded.
- Have proof of ownership in the underlying property with which you are applying. Writer(s) must maintain sole ownership of project for the duration of the program;
- Not have written more than two feature film scripts that were produced and released prior to December, 2023, with budgets greater than \$750,000.

*Writing teams of up to two (2) people may apply. In this case, both applicants must meet the above eligibility requirements.*

In order to be eligible for this program, **all projects must:**

- Be a feature length fictional film, as per industry standards; not greater than 120 script pages in length. Can submit with a treatment.
- Be live action or animation;
- Be primarily intended for theatrical release;
- Not in an active development contract or have any encumbrances against it; and,
- Be in compliance with the laws, regulations, standard and policies applicable to distribution, broadcasting and to intellectual property, and the project must not infringe upon any public or private rights and must not otherwise contravene the Canadian civil and criminal laws in effect.

### **Program Timeline (all dates TBC)**

**January 16:** An expression of interest in applying must be emailed prior to 5pm CST to [accelerator@onscreenmanitoba.com](mailto:accelerator@onscreenmanitoba.com)

**January 19:** All potential applicants must attend the virtual **Script Angel Feature Film Accelerator information session**. Recording will be available.

**January 26:** Application deadline – the completed application form, non-refundable application fee and all supporting materials must be received by 5pm CST. [Link to application](#)

**February 16: Final projects (up to 5)** will be selected by an open jury and notified. Successful applicants will be notified via email, all others will be notified via email.

**February 20:** Applicants are fully contracted, and non-refundable selected applicant program fee must be paid.

**March 1 to September 1, 2024:** Successful applicants work with Script Angel.

### **Associated Fees**

**Non-Refundable Application Fee** [Link to application](#)

OSM Member: \$100 for OSM members

Non-OSM members: \$180 for (includes an OSM Professional membership, \$80)

\*Application fee must be received by the application deadline and no application will be processed until payment is received.

### **Program Fee**

\$500 non-refundable program fee will be required per selected applicant. Payment is due one week after acceptance into the course. (The full cost of each mentorship is more than \$10,000 CDN, so the participant is paying 5% of the actual tuition cost)

**If cost is a barrier, please contact** [accelerator@onscreenmanitoba.com](mailto:accelerator@onscreenmanitoba.com)

**Questions? Contact Maryam Decter, On Screen Manitoba Programs Manager,  
[maryam@onscreenmanitoba.com](mailto:maryam@onscreenmanitoba.com)**

## **Notes**

*OSM/MFM reserves the right not to review any application considered to be incomplete or inconsistent with the present guidelines, or to require additional information before proceeding with the application.*

*Applications which are incomplete and/or do not provide the minimum complete documentation will not be reviewed or assessed.*

*Any changes or revisions to your application must be submitted in a timely manner.*

*It is the applicant's sole responsibility to review the Guidelines and Application Form to ensure that the contents and the responsibilities within are fully understood and agreed upon. Late applications will not be considered.*

*Script Angel story/script editors may not be eligible for CAVCO consideration -  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/cavco-tax-credits/canadian-film-video-production/application-guidelines.html#a7>*

*On Screen Manitoba is committed to and encourages a full range of diverse and talented candidates to apply to programs. We encourage self-identification if you are within an equity group such as woman, Indigenous, racialized or visible minority, person with disabilities, LGBTQIA+. The information collected is both voluntary and confidential.*