

2019 BHS Wordsmiths of Berlin / Drama Club

Screenwriting & Movie Short Contest



This contest will be sponsored jointly by the *Wordsmiths of Berlin* writing club and the *BHS Drama Club*.

What: Students (individuals or teams of up to five) create & submit...

- an **original typed screenplay** of their own creation fitting the contest's theme

AND

- a **digital short movie** (5 to 15 minutes) based on the script.

TO BE ENTERED: The following three elements must be shared with Mr. Reise by Monday, May 20th, 2019.

1. Copy of the typed screenplay (as a Google Doc)
2. Digital recording of the movie short
3. A one- to two-page essay (or video-taped discussion) explaining the movie making process (inspirations, difficulties, challenges, collaborations, etc.) and offering any necessary explanation of how the movie fits the contest theme.

All three submission components will factor into the submission scoring.

Theme: **“Change of Perspective”**

The movie should either present its subject/story from an unusual perspective OR get the audience to change their perspectives on the movie's subject.

Who: The contest is open to **any Berlin High School student**
OR **student group of up to five.**

When: Submissions will be accepted from **May 3** to **May 20**.

Winners: **Cash prizes** (\$30, \$20, \$10) will be awarded for the top three entries. **With contestant permission, videos will be posted on the school website.**

RULES:

- Contestants may submit an entry individually or as members of a group entry (containing no more than five group members), but no individual may submit more than one contest entry or be part a contestant group for more than one entry.
- Both screenplay and video must...
 - Be the original work of the contest entrant or submitting group
 - Use school-appropriate language and theme
 - Avoid graphic violence; promotion of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco use; or sexual content
 - Include a title
 - Include the names of all members of the contestant group submitting the contest entry
- The screenplay must...
 - Be in a general script/screenwriting format rather than prose short story format
- The video must...
 - Be between 5 and 15 minutes in run time
 - Not contain music or video material previously copyrighted
- The contest will be judged by three BHS staff judges.

