

PIGASUS INSTITUTE, INC presents:

PROJECT PIGASUS

AN INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL SCREENWRITING COMPETITION

What is *Project Pigasus*?:

Project Pigasus is a state-wide screenwriting competition for Indiana students in **grades 9-12**. Interested students should submit a **short screenplay (12 pages or less)**, a description of the vision for your project, and a video introduction of yourself by JANUARY 18, 2019. After that, the guys at Pigasus will select a winner, bring a professional crew to your town, AND FULLY PRODUCE YOUR MOVIE!

Parameters: *Screenplays Should...*

- Be less than **12 pages**
- Be properly formatted (just Google it)
- Be set in the Present day (No poodle skirts or cowboy chaps)
- Not require computer graphics
- Not include nudity or otherwise explicit material
- Not display extreme violence
- Be capable of filming in your town
- Be submitted by January 18, 2019

Tips from Pigasus

Focus on STORY not SPECTACLE. Try to think very practically about the production of your film, keep it simple, keep it real. Focus on your story, your writing, your voice.

Consider the following:

- Practical Locations: Locations that are easily accessible and easy to secure. Keep the number of different locations down, the more time we spend moving the production, the less time we spend filming.
- Be wary of genre films, like sci-fi or horror. They're possible, but you can't rely on special effects or makeup. Think *Blair Witch*, not *The Walking Dead*.
- No copyrighted material! Make sure your screenplay doesn't have necessary copy written music, etc. However, there will be some budget for music and score, so consider how you might use this powerful storytelling tool.
- Watch out for unpredictable things like animals, small children, moving cars, and fire.