

FRONTERAFEST SHORT FRINGE COMMISSIONS



 Short Fringe Commissions provide featured slots for four ScriptWorks members in the Short Fringe of FronteraFest. The Festival is a five-week-long “performance jamboree” produced annually by Hyde Park Theatre and ScriptWorks in January and February. Scripts must be 25 minutes or less. Writers are given small stipends (\$250) to cover minimal production expenses and the application fee is waived. ScriptWorks Commission performances for 2027 will fall on the following Wednesdays: January 13, 20, and 27, and February 3. You must be a member in good standing to apply for and receive funding from any ScriptWorks program.



Guidelines

ScriptWorks' Short Fringe commissions, offered in conjunction with Hyde Park Theatre, are designed to give members funding to help write and produce a one-act play for production in the FronteraFest Short Fringe (January 12 - February 13, 2027). Work in existence may be submitted, but it may not have been produced previously in its current form. Writers are advised that production elements for the festival are sparse. To apply for Short Fringe commissions, members must submit the following:

- ♦ A description of the project (not to exceed one page).
- ♦ Sample pages of the play (not required, but encouraged).
- ♦ A list of any personnel who will be connected with the production, if known (actors, director, designers, etc.)
- ♦ All elements of the application should be combined into one Word document.
Submissions will be blinded, so please include your name on the title page only.

If selected, the writer agrees to:

- ♦ Produce the play in accordance with the guidelines established by FronteraFest.
- ♦ Ensure their piece is available to perform in the Best of Week (the Saturday following your Weds. performance) and Best of Fest (either Tues. and Fri, Weds. and Sat., or Thurs. Feb. 9-13)
- ♦ Acknowledge ScriptWorks in all promotions and programs for the festival and in future presentations of the work. Specific wording will be provided.
- ♦ Remain a member in good standing through the 2026-27 season.

N.B. Funds will be disbursed in early January.

Review Criteria

FronteraFest Commission proposals will be reviewed by a selection committee of non-applying members and community members. The selection committee will be asked to consider: strength of proposal, quality of sample pages, and production viability in the open festival. Awards will be announced by September 30, 2026.

Short Fringe Commission proposals must be received by: 11:59 PM on Sept. 13, 2026

Email to:

christi@scriptworks.org

If you want to ensure your slot in the festival and get the early bird discount, go ahead and submit your application, and we'll refund the fee if you receive a Commission. We recommend you secure a slot before the announcement.

If you have questions regarding the guidelines, please email Christi@scriptworks.org.