HUMANITAS is pleased to announce a Call for Entries for Independent Feature Film screenplays. The winner will be announced at the 45th annual HUMANITAS Prize Awards held in February 2020 in Beverly Hills, California.

Independent Feature Film Award
$10,000 for excellence in writing
Submissions Open: October 15, 2018
Deadline: October 15, 2019

Submission Guidelines:
- Screenplay must be written in the English language. If original script is written in a foreign language, English-translated version will be accepted.
- Film run time must be 50 minutes or longer.
- Film must premiere at film festival between October 15, 2018 and October 15, 2019.
- Film must premiere at festival prior to distribution.
- No limit to the number of submissions.

Required Materials:
- Online application form.
- PDF version of final/shooting script – name redacted.
- $100 entry fee per submission.

"The Sundance Institute has worked closely with HUMANITAS over many years to recognize the original cinematic storytelling of independent filmmakers. Their dedication to fostering future generations has amplified the voices of many ground-breaking filmmakers supported by the Institute’s programs including Ryan Coogler, Dee Rees, Benh Zeitlin and Gina Prince-Bythewood, helping to ensure that their visions are seen and heard. We are excited to continue this partnership and see it evolve to other Festivals in ways that can increasingly inspire unique, character-driven stories that express our deepest humanity."

-Michelle Satter, Founding Director, Sundance Institute Feature Film Program

Please visit https://www.humanitasprize.org to make a submission.

Past winners include:
2019 DOUG ATCHISON – Brian Banks
2018 MATT RUSKIN - Crown Heights
2017 NATE PARKER - The Birth of a Nation
2016 JESSE ANDREWS - Me and Earl and the Dying Girl
2015 DAMIEN CHAZELLE - Whiplash
2014 RYAN COOGLER - Fruitvale Station
2013 LUCY ALIBAR & BENH ZEITLIN - Beasts of the Southern Wild
2012 THOMAS MCCARTHY - Win Win
2011 ANNE ROSELLINI & DEBRA GRANIK - Winter’s Bone
2010 CHERIEN DABIS - Amreeka
2009 PARIS QUALLES - A Raisin in the Sun
2008 SALVATORE STABILE - Where God Left His Shoes

“The HUMANITAS Prize has awarded over $4 million in prize money to more than 300 film and television writers. We exist to recognize, encourage and empower writers who teach us how to embrace our common humanity by way of their unique and powerful voices. These storytellers help us to consider our place in the world, and examine our own moral compasses. In this day and age, now more than ever, it is a noble mission.”

-Cathleen Young, HUMANITAS Executive Director

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us at info@humanitasprize.org or 310-454-8769.