



What is Disney Channel Storytellers?

Disney Channel Storytellers is a 20-week writer incubator program focused on developing up-and-coming talent who already have professional representation. The primary focus of the program is not on staffing, but rather, identifying the unique voices who represent the next wave of half hour comedy developers.

Running from August through February, Storytellers will allow three participants to write an original script for pilot consideration, rewrite existing Disney Channel projects, create digital content for the online space, and pitch Disney-centric concepts for network consideration. The highly competitive program will be overseen by key Disney Channel development executives who will provide regular guidance and feedback, all in the name of building the creators and showrunners of tomorrow.

What are the program parameters?

- Three writer entities will be selected. Both teams and individuals will be considered.
- The program will run for 20 weeks beginning on or about August 25, 2014 through February 2015.
- Participants are exclusive to Disney Channel for the duration of the program.
- Participants will be paid at Article 13 scale, and be guaranteed a base salary of \$77,000.
- Participants will be given entrance into the WGA with accompanying benefits. If already WGA, the writer will receive WGA points.
- Participants must be eligible to work in the US, and must be 18 years or older.
- Participants must provide own housing and transportation in Los Angeles.

How do you submit to STORYTELLERS?

- Submissions must come from professional representation (entertainment attorney, manager, or agent).
- Representatives should submit via email two live action, half hour comedy samples (one sample MUST be original) and a bio or credits to disneychannelstorytellers@disney.com
- The submission deadline is July 1, 2014.
- Semi-finalists will be notified July 21, 2014.
- Representatives must alert Storytellers via email to disneychannelstorytellers@disney.com if a submitted writer becomes unavailable during the submission or selection process.

How will candidates be selected?

- May/June/July 2014: Executives from Disney Channel and Disney XD will review submissions, narrowing scripts down to ten semi-finalists.
- July 21, 2014: Ten semi-finalists will be notified and submit to in-person interviews.
- August 2014: Three finalists will be chosen based on quality of script, professionalism, passion for the kids' space, and strength of character.

When do I submit and sign the STORYTELLERS contract?

- No contracts should be submitted prior to semi-finalist selections.
- Semi-finalist must sign a release agreeing to STORYTELLERS terms before moving forward into the in-person interviews.

Who should I contact for questions about the program?

- Please contact us at DisneyChannelStorytellers@disney.com