

SNAP JUDGMENT STUDIOS - SPOOKED: FREELANCE STORY SCOUT-PHILIPPINES

Snap Judgment, an award-winning radio show and podcast (heard on over 400 NPR stations across the US, and downloaded over two million times every month) is seeking a Story Scout for its spin-off podcast, Spooked. Specifically, Snap Judgment is searching for a Story Scout either located in the Philippines, or who lives in the US, but has strong ties and connections within the Filipino community. Spooked is a production of Snap Studios, WNYC, and Luminary Podcasts.

The Story Scout is in charge of finding and pitching original stories for the show in the realm of paranormal activity. The Story Scout reports to the Spooked Lead Producer. This is a remote, contract position.

There are no minimum hours set for this position, though Story Scout will be expected to pitch stories regularly. Story scouts will receive monthly retainer as well as bonuses for successful pitches which make it to broadcast. Contract is expected to last through October 2021, first month is provisional in order to assess whether pitches match the tone of the show.

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Finding regular pitches for Spooked which are viable and match the voice, personality, and content parameters of the show.
- Initial research and due diligence on story viability. Synthesis of pitch in a way that identifies stakes, characters, story elements. Candidate should be a compelling writer.
- Identification of good pitch resources for the show that will prove fruitful for future seasons.
- Successful story scouts will receive incentive bonuses for pitches that make it to air and may be called upon to assist in story scouting for future seasons.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Familiarity with pitching for audio production. Understanding of what makes an audio story different from a print piece or a story presented via another form of media.
- Ability to identify characters, stakes, and other story elements.
- Utilize personal and professional networks to find word-of-mouth Spooked stories.
- Strong writing and research skills. Ability to track down novel stories from Reddit to self-published memoirs, to the far reaches of YouTube and elsewhere. Ability to grow a pitch from a kernel of an idea and draft a compelling story.
- Commitment to fair and respectful storytelling.
- Experience producing creative content on deadline.
- Ability to act as a professional agent of the company, in approaching people for story details and developing their comfort with the idea of being show subjects.
- A good attitude and a willingness to work closely with teammates

EDUCATION:

Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience

PREFERRED SKILLS:

- Ability to work well under pressure, within the framework of tight deadlines.
- Clear communication skills with the ability to be effective across diverse groups throughout the company and among freelancers.
- Love of the paranormal, ghost stories, and horror in all media. Understanding of Spooked's voice and familiarity with Spooked's catalog. Voracious appetite for talking about paranormal activity with listeners, freelancers, and beyond.

To apply, please send a CV and cover letter to jobs@snapjudgment.org by 5:00 pm on March 31, 2021.