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BROWNWOOD—Always wanted to see your face on the silver screen but probably won't make it to Hollywood?

If a casting call in Brownwood seems more within your travel budget, a Howard Payne University student has a project that might be worth consideration.

Brandon Powell

[Brandon Powell](#) will [hold casting auditions](#) for his feature-length film project, *Trial By Self*, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Auditions will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and at 2 p.m. Friday. They will conclude at 11:30 p.m. both days and will be held in the Howard Payne English department building.

The 23-year-old student said he wants to cast the film centering on family relationships with people who share his Christian values.

The script, written by Powell, calls for 16 speaking roles, including five primary actors and numerous extras.

Powell expects the film to cost about \$10,000 to make, and it will be shot next summer in and around Gorman, his hometown.

“It’s not about faith, but without saying anything, it brings it up. I think people are smarter than we give them credit for. You don’t have to hit them over the head with it for them to get it,” he said.

The distribution plan calls for the film to be screened initially at film festivals.



Powell has invested not only years writing and polishing the script, but also a great deal of cash, he noted.

“I don’t have a car because I have a very, very nice camera,” he said.

Despite his youth and inexperience, Powell is passionate about his project and confident it will be a source of pride for all involved.

“And I definitely can offer them exposure, because it will be taken to numerous festivals,” he said.

While he acknowledges obstacles to get his film to this point, he has no doubt the film will be made.

“God keeps sending me little encouragements all along the way,” he said.

Assistant Director Jolie Mayfield of Hardin has offered Powell script criticisms and is ready to take the next step.

“I’ve seen it in print, but I think to see it filmed is going to be really great,” she said.

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