California Young Playwrights Contest 2020 – Entry Form

Our annual statewide playwriting contest is open to all Californians under the age of 19. All contest entrants who request feedback will receive an individualized script evaluation. Winning plays will be performed as part of our annual festival of Plays by Young Writers in 2021. Contest winners between the ages of 15-18 will receive a full professional production. Winners ages 14 and under will see their plays performed as rehearsed readings. For more details about the contest, please visit: http://playwrightsproject.org/programs/contest/

Submit your script by June 1, 2020
Online: http://playwrightsproject.org/programs/contest/
By Mail: send this Entry Form, Cover Letter, and 1 copy of the script to:
3675 Ruffin Rd. Suite 330
San Diego, CA 92123

Information about the Writer(s)

Writer’s name: __________________________ Gender: ____________

Address: __________________________________________________________

City: __________________ State: _______ Zip: ______________
The address above is a: □ Home/Personal Address (preferred so we may contact you directly)
                      □ School Address

Email: __________________________

Phone:  (_____)

Birth date: ______ / ____ / ________ Age: __________________

School: __________________________

Classroom Teacher: __________________________ Playwrights Project Teacher: __________________________

If a teacher encouraged you to submit your script to the contest, please indicate his/her name.

Additional Writers’ Names (if applicable): __________________________

Each individual who co-authored the play should complete a separate entry form for submission with the script.

Information about Your Play

Submit only one play per entry form. Complete a new entry form for each additional play.

Name of Your Play: __________________________________________________________

Describe your play in one sentence: __________________________________________________________________________

(Example: A comedy about friends, foes and french fries or Will Adam find lasting love as a fast food fry cook?)

Has this play been produced before? □ Yes □ No If yes, where? __________________________

Would you like to receive feedback on your script? □ Yes □ No

How would you like to receive your feedback? (check one) □ Email □ Regular Mail
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WRITE A PLAY! Professionals will evaluate your entry, and if you’re one of the winners your play will receive a production. This is an educational program focused on the development of new plays - so if you’re a winner, be prepared to revise your script with the support of a professional dramaturg (or writing friend), director and actors.

WHO? Californians under the age of 19 as of June 1, 2020. Collaborations and group plays will be accepted. Scripts will be evaluated in two groups. Winning writers aged 15 and older will receive full professional productions; winning younger writers will receive staged readings performed by professional actors.

WHEN? Entries must be received or postmarked no later than June 1, 2020. If you are in a writing residency that extends beyond June 1, your deadline is extended to one week after your last class. In October 2020, winning playwrights will be notified and written script evaluations will be sent to entrants who request them in their cover letters. Scripts will be produced in spring of 2021 at a professional theatre in San Diego.

WHAT?
- Original unpublished scripts only.
- Subject, style, and form are up to you.
- Length must be a minimum of ten, typed pages using play format.
- Previously submitted scripts are only eligible if significant changes have been made to the script in response to judges' comments.
- Tips for writing scripts can be found online at: www.playwrightsproject.org/tips.htm

HOW?
- Type the script using play format.
- Number the pages.
- Bind with clips only - no staples.
- Title page requirements: title of play, your name, address, phone, and date of birth.
- Scripts are read anonymously. Please do not put your name on the script, other than on the cover page.
- Include a brief cover letter about yourself and why you wrote this play; tell us if you would like a written script evaluation.
- If a teacher encouraged you to enter, include the teacher's name and school in your letter.
- To submit:
  - Online – fill out the online Contest Entry Form and upload your cover letter and script: http://playwrightsproject.org/programs/contest/
  - Mail – fill out the Contest Entry Form and mail along with your cover letter and one copy of your script to:
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- If you submit your script by mail, keep the original. Scripts will not be returned.

Questions? Call us at (858) 384-2970 or email us at write@playwrightsproject.org