



Young Playwrights Festival Playwriting Competition 2020 Submission Guidelines

Call for Submissions: MCT seeks original one-act play scripts not yet produced for our annual YPF Playwriting Competition and biennial YPF Showcase Competition. **Eligibility:** Playwrights must be Wisconsin students in high school during the 2019-2020 school year. MCT's focus is on students in the Metro Milwaukee area and surrounding region.

To Submit Your Play to the YPF Playwriting Competition: Using the format below, send your entry to MCT, ATTN: Young Playwrights Festival 2019-2020, 158 N. Broadway, 5th floor, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Plays must be postmarked by June 1, 2020.

Required Format:

- Scripts must be typed, original plays on any subject suitable for a high school audience. **Use the "YPF Playwriting Template" for correct formatting** of your play's title page, character/setting page, and script. MCT can provide the template or a sample format; request through marcella@milwaukeechambertheatre.com.
- Plays should be submitted unbound (loose sheets, no staples).
- Preferred play length is **15-20** pages.
- The play's cast must require **no more than six actors**, including non-speaking roles. A single location is strongly recommended for your setting.
- **ASSEMBLE THE PAGES OF YOUR ENTRY IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER AND WITH THE FOLLOWING FORMAT.** Incomplete entries will be disqualified.
 1. Completed YPF Entry Cover Sheet
 2. Title page
 3. Character/Setting page
 4. Complete play script with pages numbered

Reading and Selection: Scripts will be read and considered anonymously and will not be returned. (Note: Keep a copy of your play in digital form! If you win a spot in this year's list of Top Ten Distinguished Plays, you will be asked to provide it to MCT for the Showcase competition round.)

Notification of Winning Entries, Prizes, and Next Steps:

- The YPF Playwriting Competition runs on an annual finalist selection and biennial showcase cycle. Plays distinguished as the Top Ten of 2020 will be announced in early July 2020.
- The Top Ten Plays of 2019 will join the Top Ten of 2020 as finalists in our YPF Showcase review and competition in summer 2020.
- Three plays of the twenty finalists will be chosen to enjoy a full production at the 2020-2021 YPF Showcase. Playwrights will receive a cash prize as well as the opportunity to participate as the writer in the play's production cycle. Additionally, three plays will receive an Honorable Mention award, along with a cash prize.

Questions: Contact Marcella Kearns at marcella@milwaukeechambertheatre.com or 414.276.8842.