



## Young Playwrights Festival Playwriting Competition 2019 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 2018-2019 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 Young Playwrights Festival 2018-2019, Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

### **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.
- 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. Where we are this year:
- MCT will contact the playwrights of the Top Ten Distinguished Plays of 2019 by early July 2019.
- The Top Ten Plays of 2019 will then join the Top Ten of 2020 as finalists in our YPF Showcase review and competition.
- 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.

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