

2020-2021

Write ★ A ★ Play

FST's award-winning WRITE A PLAY program is a year-round arts-in-education initiative, providing students with the **example**, the **inspiration**, and the **skills** to write their own original plays.

All students in Kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to submit their plays to FST's Young Playwrights Festival. Each young playwright who submits a play will be awarded a Certificate of Achievement. Winning plays are selected to be brought to life in a professional production by Florida Studio Theatre.

Submission Guidelines

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

This playwriting contest is open to all students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Write your play yourself, or collaborate with a partner, a small group, or your entire class!

HOW LONG SHOULD MY PLAY BE?

Plays should be 1 to 5 pages in length

CAN I WRITE ABOUT ANYTHING I WANT?

Yes! There are no restrictions on style, subject, or form

CAN I TYPE MY PLAY? SHOULD I WRITE MY PLAY OUT BY HAND?

Scripts may be typed or handwritten (no cursive please)

WHAT DO I NEED TO SUBMIT MY PLAY?

Once you're finished writing your play, complete the Official Play Cover Sheet (page 3) and staple it on top of your play. Teachers may withhold a student's personal information as long as it can be acquired in the event that the play is selected in a winning category. Missing information will cause delays in processing.

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Play Selection Process

WHAT DO YOU LOOK FOR IN A WINNING PLAY?

All winning plays must have the four key ingredients: Characters, Setting, Conflict, and Dialogue. In addition to the core ingredients, winning plays also have creative and interesting stories. They can be funny or serious, or a combination of the two. All winning plays have the truth and imagination that only a young playwright can bring to a play.

HOW DO YOU SELECT A WINNING PLAY?

Every play is read at least two times by a panel of judges. The judges are both FST staff and community volunteers. If you want to learn more about how you can be a part of the selection process, email Director of Children's Theatre, Caroline Kaiser at ckaiser@floridastudiotheatre.org.

Ready to Submit Your Play?

Complete the **Official Play Cover Sheet** on the next page and staple it on top of your play. Then, turn in your play by giving it to your teacher who will make sure it gets to us by mailing it to the address below:

ATTN: WRITE A PLAY

Florida Studio Theatre
1241 North Palm Ave.
Sarasota, FL 34236

Questions? Contact Director of Children's Theatre Caroline Kaiser at ckaiser@floridastudiotheatre.org or 941.366.9797.

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Official Play Cover Sheet

Each playwright must FULLY complete this form and attach to their play.

ALL writers and collaborators should fill out their own individual forms.

Please PRINT all information

Today's Date: _____

The TITLE of My Play: _____

My FIRST & LAST NAME: _____

My Parent/Guardian's Phone Number: _____

My Parent/Guardian's Email Address: _____

My GRADE: _____

My SCHOOL: _____

Address of School: _____

City: _____ County: _____

State: _____ Zip code: _____

School Phone Number: _____

My TEACHER'S Name: _____

My PRINCIPAL's Name: _____

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