

2009-2010 YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL

SCRIPT SUBMISSION RULES

Eligibility:

Each participant must:

- Be a Michigan high school student in grade 9 – 12.
- Be sponsored by a teacher willing to serve as the liaison between Wharton Center, the school, and the student applicant.
- Submit an application form with script. Parent, sponsoring teacher and student signatures are *required*.
- If you are selected among the six finalists:
 - You must be willing and available to work with a professional theatre mentor for 4-5 weeks prior to rehearsal.
 - You must attend a dress rehearsal of your play on Saturday, May 15 and the public performance on Sunday, May 16, followed by an Artist's Forum from 4:00-8:30pm (See FAQ for details).

Guidelines:

All plays must:

- Be original works.
- Have no more than 6 characters.
- Require only simple props, costumes, settings, and effects.
- Have a maximum length of 12 pages.

Format:

Scripts must be typed or word-processed and pages numbered:

- Separate different characters' dialogue by one blank line.
- Prepare 6 copies of the script for submission.
- Staple a Cover Sheet Form (downloadable) and a Description Page (downloadable) to the first copy of the scripts.
- Staple a Description Page only to each of the remaining five copies of the scripts (no student names on these 5 copies as they are sent to judges anonymously).
- Place application and all **six** copies of script with Cover Sheet and/or Description Page in one large (eg 9 x 12) envelope. Use a separate envelope for each student applicant's set of six script copies and application form.

*See
sample script format
on-line*

Mail application (downloadable) and scripts to: Young Playwrights Festival

Attn: Laurie Briseño

Wharton Center for Performing Arts

Michigan State University

East Lansing, MI 48824-1318

Download forms at:

www.whartoncenter.com/education

All entries must be postmarked by Friday, November 20, 2009.

Failure to meet any of the rules or guidelines will be grounds for disqualification from the festival.

Judges' decisions are final. Awards are not transferable.