

2023 HIGH SCHOOL PLAYWRITING PROJECT

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PROJECT GUIDELINES and REQUIREMENTS

Submissions that do not adhere to all guidelines and requirements will be disqualified

1. Type in Times New Roman, 12-point font; 7 - 12 pages
2. Include no more than 6 characters — unless double cast
3. Write a complete play, not a scene
4. Submissions should include two (2) separate PDF files.

a. PDF #1 is your **TITLE PAGE** and should include the following:

- Playwright's name, home address, telephone number & email
- Teacher's name, high school address, telephone number & email

File name should be: **Play title_title page**

For example: "Our Town_TitlePage"

b. PDF #2 is your **BLANK TITLE PAGE & PLAY** it should contain the following:

- NO Playwright identification information
- Character breakdown and given circumstances
- The play itself with **no playwright identification**, in standard format

File name should be: **Play Title**

For Example: Our Town

5. Plays must follow this basic playwriting format:

- a. One inch margins (left, right, top, bottom)
- b. Character names in all caps centered above the dialogue
- b. Single-spaced dialogue with double spacing between units of dialogue
- c. Stage directions in parentheses, single-spaced, indented from dialogue
- d. Pages numbered on bottom right
- f. Title of the play must appear at the top of each page

6. Before submitting, please proof read for possible spelling or grammatical errors.
(Allowable exceptions include dialect and character choices within the dialogue.)

7. Submit both files in PDF format the following links: [Title Pages](#) AND [Entries](#)

8. Deadline for the receipt of all uploaded submissions is April 3, 2023.

A signed and dated [Teacher's Letter of Support](#), with a list of student participants, should accompany your submissions.

AWARDS:

1. Cash awards for finalists, semi-finalists, and their teachers
2. A public reading of finalists' plays performed by professional actors
3. Trophies & certificates presented to finalists and semi-finalists
4. Complimentary tickets to local theaters
5. Finalists and semi-finalist students and their teachers will be recognized at the readings
8. All schools, plus families and friends of playwrights who enter are invited to the reading and reception with local professional producers, directors, and actors.

TEACHERS' NOTE:

No more than one play should be submitted by any one student.
Students may co-write plays.

Selected entries will be announced in the Spring of 2023.

If any student does not have regular access to a computer for electronic submission, please contact the theatre for further instruction.

Email **hspp@circletheatre.com** or call Circle Theatre at **817.877.3040**, if you have any questions.

For further information, visit <http://circletheatre.com/hspp>