

Utah Young Playwrights Festival 2017

Sponsored by the Utah Theatre Association, the Utah Young Playwrights Festival is in its 15th year and has given out over \$3,500 in award money so far. Any Utah junior high or high school student that will be registering for the UTA Conference 2017 is eligible to submit a script. Students who submit a script MUST register for the conference by the registration deadline or their plays will not be read and adjudicated. Outstanding scripts receive staged readings at the conference, they may also be sent on to a national festival, and the top playwrights are presented with cash awards.

The 2017 UTA Young Playwrights Festival deadline is November 15, 2016. If your student does not submit a play by the playwriting deadline, it will not be considered for the conference festival or awards.

Due to the overwhelming positive response to the festival, it has become difficult for the judges to read, adjudicate and respond to so many scripts. It has therefore become necessary to limit the number of submissions from each school to four plays.

Guidelines for the script submission:

1. Schools may submit up to four plays.
2. Only one play per student may be submitted.
3. Students must be a junior high or high school student for the 2016-2017 school year.
4. The script needs to have a running time of 10-20 minutes (10-20 pgs. generally). Plays that are longer will not be considered.
5. Students must be registered for the 2017 UTA Conference by the registration deadline.
6. Students need to submit their play in a PDF file via email to you, the teacher, who will then forward it to: playwriting@utahtheatreassociation.org. You will receive a confirmation email within forty-eight hours when your students' play(s) is received. All submissions should come from you, the teacher, and not the individual student. We hope that you are previewing your students' work and plays before submitting them to the festival.
7. The playwright's name, home address, and school should be on the cover page only.
8. The play must be submitted in the accepted playwriting format. This format can be found at <http://www.playwriting101.com/> (specifically chapters 5-15).
9. All submissions must be received by the November 15, 2016 playwriting deadline.
10. Any questions should be directed to Mitzi Meham at (435) 755-2380 ext 5316 or playwriting@utahtheatreassociation.org.

We are excited to see the quality scripts produced by Utah students each year and want to thank you for helping to nurture the work of young writers in your program.