

The Green Room Community Theatre's New Playwrights Festival
Rules & Requirements

The Green Room Community Theatre's New Playwrights Festival is open to any student in the 3rd through 12th grade. All entries will be divided into three categories based on the grade of the playwright.

Category One: 3rd through 6th Grade

Play submission should be no less than 10 pages/minutes and no more than 15 pages/minutes in running length.

Category Two: 7th through 9th Grade

Play submission should be no less than 15 pages/minutes and no more than 20 pages/minutes in running length.

Category Three: 10th through 12th Grade

Play submission should be no less than 20 pages/minutes and no more than 25 pages/minutes in running length.

Each play must be accompanied with a title page and submission page.

The submission page should include the following information:

- Name of student submitting play
- Grade of student submitting play
- School of student submitting play
- Contact phone number and email of student submitting play (for notification of contest results)
- Name, phone number, and email of parent or guardian of student submitting play. (for notification of contest results)

All submissions are judged blind. The student's name, school or other contact information should NOT appear anywhere on the play or title page. Any entries received with the contestant's name, school or personal information on the play or title page will not be accepted.

The title page should include the following information:

- Title of the play
- Grade of student
- List of characters in the play

The title page and the play itself should NOT include the student's name, school or other personal information.

All entries must be typed and in standard play format as illustrated below:

Character Stage Direction centered and italicized

Example:

CHARACTER NAME LEFT:	TAB THEN CHARACTER DIALOGUE
	<i>Juliet Enters</i>
JULIET:	Romeo!
ROMEO:	My dear?
JULIET:	At what o'clock tomorrow shall I send to thee?
ROMEO:	At the hour of nine.

Only one entry per student will be accepted. All entries will receive notification of receipt in the manner the play was submitted. All entries must be postmarked no later than March 22, 2019. Submissions can be e-mailed to greenroom@thegreenroomtheatre.org or mailed to New Playwrights Festival, The Green Room Community Theatre, PO Box 1317, Newton, NC 28658-1317 (If mailed, they MUST be postmarked by March 22, 2019. Scripts submitted electronically must be in Word format (.doc) or PDF.

The Green Room Community Theatre is not responsible for lost, late, misdirected, damaged, illegible, incomplete, incorrect, misrouted, or postage due entries.

Plays will be judged on content, character development, plot development, dialogue, originality, ingenuity, and ability to be staged. Playwrights should keep in mind that they are writing for the stage and not television or film, and must use dialogue, not stage directions, to develop their play. Plays should use limited sets, props and costumes. Only simple color, on-off, or fade lighting will be considered. The cast of characters must be at least two, but should not exceed ten. While we are looking for original and creative scripts, all content must be appropriate for a community theatre audience.

All plays submitted must be the original work of the author and must comply with all festival rules and requirements. The authors will maintain all literary rights to their own material. Due to the amount of entries, we will not be able to return mailed scripts.

There will be one winner per category*. Judging will be completed by April 5, 2019. The winners will be notified by phone or email. Each winner will have their play produced by The Green Room Community Theatre in a set of one-act plays to be presented May 24 and 25, 2019. The winner of each category will also receive a \$100 cash prize.

*On the occasion there isn't an appropriate submission in one age category, The Green Room may pick two winners from another category.