



YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS SUMMER PROGRAM

Apply to study playwriting this summer with TDF's Young Playwrights Summer Program. Taught by award-winning playwright Crystal Skillman, this intensive helps students explore personal expression in writing, and the art and form of dramatic writing. The program runs two weeks for three hours daily, and will also feature guest artists and an outing to a new play. Students will work individually and in teams, with a final presentation on the last day.

Who is eligible?

Rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors who are interested in learning the craft of playwriting and creating their own works. Please note that the program will also explore other forms of dramatic writing such as audio drama and screenwriting.

Students must have well-developed writing skills and an interest in playwriting along with a recommendation from a teaching artist or English teacher. Team spirit, commitment and enthusiasm are important qualities for this program.

What does the Young Playwrights Summer Program include?

- Playwriting workshops five days a week for two weeks, with independent and group writing done independently
- An outing to a Broadway show for study and inspiration
- Small group seminars with professional playwrights and artists talking about their creative process
- Writing (and rewriting) a ten-minute original play
- Professional actors reading student plays in progress
- Staged readings of final works by professional actors
- Snacks and MetroCards provided

When is the Young Playwrights Summer Program?

- July 18-29: Monday through Friday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Final presentation on Friday, July 29 from 5 to 7 p.m.

This is a hybrid class! Some sessions will be on Zoom, others will be in person. There will also be field trips to museums and outdoor spaces.

Indoor in-person sessions will take place at TDF's well-ventilated Midtown Manhattan offices at: 520 Eighth Avenue between 36th and 37th Streets, Suite 801.

What are the COVID-19 protocols?

Applicants must provide proof of full vaccination and be willing to comply with mask mandates at each institution visited.

How do I apply?

Please fill out the application below. Note that you will also need to submit a teacher recommendation.



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Name: _____

School: _____

Grade in September: _____

Home address: _____

Borough: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone number: _____

Young Playwrights Teacher (if applicable): _____

Young Playwrights Teaching Artist (if applicable): _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Parent/Guardian home telephone: _____

Parent/Guardian cell phone: _____

Parent/Guardian address: _____

Parent/Guardian e-mail: _____

Please include the following with your application:

1. Essay prompt: Please answer the question: Why tell stories?
2. Playwriting: a three-page sample from a play you created
3. One recommendation letter (form attached) from your English teacher or Young Playwrights Residency Teaching Artist

Return applications by June 30 via e-mail to gingerb@tdf.org or snail mail to:

TDF
c/o Education Department
Young Playwrights Summer Program
520 Eighth Avenue, Suite 801
NY, NY 10018



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Student Contract:

The success of the program lies in your understanding of what is expected of you and your willingness to accept the terms and conditions of this contract.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

I. Attendance

- The classes. You must attend EVERY class and arrive on time or early. A great deal of time and effort is spent on organizing and arranging each session.
- Direct and timely communication. This may include attending any meetings concerning the program held by your teaching artist, responding promptly to phone calls and/or e-mails by either your teacher or from TDF, and informing us of any issues or conflicts. We at TDF feel that there are no problems we cannot solve if given enough time. Acting responsibly is the best way of showing your commitment to the program.
- Attending performances. Tickets are bought for you to attend a Broadway show. You are expected to attend with the group.

II. Writing

- You must complete and work on writing as assigned, including all homework assignments.
- You must adhere to deadlines set by the teaching artist and TDF.
- You will complete a 10-minute play by the end of the intensive.

Student Commitment

I have thoroughly read and discussed the terms of this contract with my parent/guardian. I accept the Young Playwrights Summer Program with the understanding that:

- The program requires my attendance at each scheduled class as well as in-depth involvement in the writing and classwork.
- It is my responsibility to cooperate fully with the teaching artist and TDF and to respond promptly to communications.

(Student's name - please print)

(Student's signature)

(Date)

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Commitment of Parent or Guardian

I have thoroughly read and discussed the terms of this contract with my child. I fully support my child's involvement in this program with the understanding that my child:

- Will be required to attend every class.
- Will be responsible for meeting deadlines and keeping up with classwork.

I also understand that in permitting my child to apply to the program, I give TDF permission to:

- Select the shows that my child is taken to see. In doing so, I am entrusting TDF with the responsibility of selecting shows that have artistic and educational value. I understand that some shows may have sophisticated and adult content.
- Determine the practicality and safety of approving an outing in case of inclement weather.
- Use any photos that may be taken of my child or quotes for publicity and fundraising purposes.

(Parent's/Guardian's name – print)

(Parent's/Guardian's signature)

(Date)

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Applications due JUNE 30



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Dear teacher,

Attached please find a student application for TDF's prestigious Young Playwrights Summer Program. If your student is selected for this program, the student will participate in:

- Playwriting workshops five days a week for two weeks, with independent and group writing done independently
- An outing to a Broadway show for study and inspiration
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To help us determine which students best qualify for this wonderful opportunity, we ask that you fill out the attached recommendation form and return it in a sealed envelope to the student who requested it.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate your efforts on behalf of this candidate.

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Name of student: _____

Name of teacher: _____

Teacher's subject: _____

How do you know this student? _____

Kindly check the rating that best applies to the student in each category.

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	SATISFACTORY	WEAK
Academic standing				
Attendance and punctuality				
Active and insightful participation in classroom discussions				
Writing skills				
Reliable and responsible				
Meets deadlines				
Shows enthusiasm for learning and new experiences				

Is there any other information that you feel would be helpful for us to know? _____