



Outstanding Student Playwright Award

2026-2027

2026-2027 Student Playwright registration is open from **September 4 - December 1, 2026.**

Registration form: <https://forms.gle/PVpbVo1TRd4Wr6dr5>

Rules and Regulations

1. Students must be in grades 9-12, attending public or private high school; students in equivalent grades may be home schooled or attend cyber school.
2. Students must live in the region represented in the Hershey Theatre Apollo Awards (Cumberland, Dauphin, Lebanon, Juniata and Perry counties, as well as Lancaster County schools within 35 miles of Hershey.) Students are NOT required to attend a high school that currently participates in the HTAA.
3. Collaborations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
4. Original plays only; no screenplays, musicals, or adaptations will be accepted or reviewed.
5. Submissions must be one act plays, a maximum of 30 minutes.
6. There will be a maximum of eight characters.
7. Students may not submit more than one play.
8. Student playwrights must designate a supervising teacher, who will act as a liaison between the student and HTAA staff. Homeschool students may designate a parent as the supervising teacher.

Entry Formatting Requirements

1. Scripts must be submitted in .pdf file format.
2. Scripts must be typed, with numbered pages. Numbering begins AFTER the title page.
3. Each page of your play must contain the title of the show and the page number.
4. Work must be submitted in 12-point Courier font or 12-point Times New Roman font.
5. The title page must list the author's name, home address, e-mail, phone number, high school name, and high school address.
6. Page one of the play must include setting and character breakdown.
- 7. NO AI CONTENT WILL BE ACCEPTED.**