

Sherwood Collins Playwriting Contest
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Attention, aspiring playwrights! If you have a story to tell, the METG invites you to submit a one-act play to the Sherwood Collins Playwriting Contest. Since its inception in 1983, the playwriting contest has generated 675 student-written plays.

Any Massachusetts secondary school student in grades 9–12 is eligible to enter the contest. The rules are simple.

- The script must be *original*, typed in **12-point Courier font** with pages numbered, and double spaced between characters' dialogues. Each playwright must **EMAIL ONE COPY**.
- A script may not exceed forty minutes (approximately one minute per page, or forty pages).
- The script must be written for stage presentation. Musicals, screen plays, teleplays, or adaptations of another author's work will not be accepted.
- A student may not submit more than one entry.
- Students may collaborate on a script together.
- The following information must appear on the first page (*cover page*): title of play, student's name, school, year of graduation, email address, home address, city, state, zip code, home phone number, name of teacher, and signed statement certifying the originality of the submitted work.
- The following information must appear on the second page (*title page*): title of play. No other information may appear on this page.

Contest Judging:

The Guild will appoint a panel of readers to select the finalist(s), and a final judge will determine the winner(s).

Prizes:

Winning playwright(s) will receive a cash prize and an offer of publication by **JAC Publishing & Promotions**. The first-place winning play will also receive a 10-minute staged reading at the State Finals.

Fees:

Member schools may submit up to five scripts at no cost. Additional scripts may be submitted with payment of a \$10.00 entry fee per script. Non-member schools may submit scripts with payment of a \$15.00 entry fee per script.

Deadline and Method of Payment:

Scripts must be EMAILED by Wednesday January 4, 2017 to METG@METG.ORG

ALSO, please complete the "Playwriting Contest Entry Form" and mail with check or purchase order to the address listed on the form.

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My school is _____ is not _____ a 2016–17 member of the METG.

Enclosed is _____ script(s) at the

➤ member rate of \$10.00 per script (first 5 entries are free) = \$ _____

➤ non-member rate of \$15.00 per script = \$ _____

Student's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/Town: _____

Zip: _____]

Home Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

School: _____

- Submit an individual entry form for each participating student and a separate page listing the names of all student playwrights from your school and their play titles.
- Students must **follow all instructions outlined in the contest rules**. Pay particular attention to the information required on the cover page and title page. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.
- **Playwrights are strongly encouraged to have their teacher read their entries for feedback and rewriting before submitting them to the competition.**
- ***A SIGNED STATEMENT MUST ACCOMPANY EACH ENTRY FROM THE PLAYWRIGHT ON THE COVER PAGE CERTIFYING THE ORIGINALITY OF THE SUBMITTED WORK.***
- All fees are non-refundable.
- Script(s), entry form, and payment must be emailed by **Wednesday, January 4, 2017**.

EMAIL SCRIPTS TO METG@METG.ORG

Return completed application form with \ check or purchase order, payable to METG, Inc., to:

**Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild
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