



## List of National Playwriting Competitions

*Students involved in the Vermont Young Playwrights have won some of these competitions.  
If you or one of your students is accepted, be sure to let us know!*

### [Kennedy Center VSA Playwright Discovery Competition](#)

*Young writers with & without disabilities are encouraged to submit a one-act script exploring the disability experience.*

**Deadline:** April 15

### [National 10-Minute Play Contest](#)

*All ten-minute plays will be considered for the Heideman Award (\$1000)\*, as well as for production in the Apprentice/Intern Tens and the Humana Festival of New American Plays. Hosted by Actors Theater of Louisville.*

**Deadline:** Only the first 500 scripts submitted will be read. September 1-November 1

### [Scholastic Dramatic Script Writing Award](#)

*Winning writers are honored at Carnegie Hall in NYC. Grades 7-12.*

**Deadline:** Submissions begin in September for following year's awards.

### [The Blank Theatre Young Playwrights Festival](#)

*Winning plays are produced in Los Angeles. Writers under 19 years old only.*

**Deadline:** Rolling

### [The Eugene O'Neill Theater Center Young Playwrights Festival](#)

*Festival and 2-day workshop for middle and high-school students who have written 10-15 minute plays. In Waterford, CT.*

**Deadline:** Feb 29

### [TYA/USA and AATE Young Playwrights for Change](#)

*National Competition uses plays for educational purposes. Plays will be presented in a staged reading by professional actors at Adventure Theatre-MTC in Glen Echo, Maryland. Grades 6-8.*

**Deadline:** February 1

### [Young Playwrights Inc. National Playwriting Competition](#)

*Winning plays are produced Off-Broadway in NYC. Writers under 18 only.*

**Deadline:** JANUARY 2

## Vermont Opportunities for Young Playwrights

### [Playmakers, Burlington VT](#)

*Hosted at The Off Center for the Dramatic Arts (Old North End in Burlington). Each month, one directed stage reading and up to 3 cold readings of new works by local playwrights will be presented. Contact: [playmakersvt@gmail.com](mailto:playmakersvt@gmail.com)*

**Deadline:** Ongoing during the months of Feb-July.

### [The Vermont Playwright Award](#)

*Established in 1982 by The Valley Players in Waitsfield, VT. A cash prize of \$1,000 is awarded to the winning playwright. The play will be produced by The Valley Players. Full-length, non-musicals only.*

**Deadline:** FEBRUARY 1

## Theater Festivals and Competitions

### [Educational Theater Association Thespian Playworks Festival](#)

*This looks like a generally awesome festival, not focused on playwriting.*

*Organized by the Educational Theatre Association and hosted by the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, the Festival is a one-of-a-kind, weeklong immersion experience in singing, dancing, acting, designing, directing, creating, writing, and memory-making.*

**Deadline:** May 2

## Playwriting Blogs

### [Playwright Now](#)

### [Play Submissions Helper Blog](#)

## Storytelling / Writing Sites and Communities

### [Cowbird: A Witness to Life](#)

### [Young Writers Project: Powered by You](#)

### [Medium: Move Thinking Forward](#)

### [Figment: Write Yourself In](#)

### [Wattpad: the World's Largest Online Reading Platform](#)

### [NaNoWriMo: National Novel Writing Month for Young Writers \(November\)](#)

### [Teen Ink: Magazine, Website, Books written by teens since 1989](#)