

Young Playwrights' Festival 2020 Application

Dear YPF Candidate,

Thank you for considering a spot in Ensemble Theatre Company's (ETC) Young Playwrights' Festival. As a YPF student you will engage in a challenging and rewarding writing program that requires a serious commitment. Although previous writing experience is not required you should enjoy reading and writing as you will be doing a lot of throughout the process.

- All applications must be received by December 22, 2019.
- Applicants must be ages 13-19 and a Santa Barbara County resident.
- There is no cost to apply or participate.
- YPF will accept up to 20 students for this program.
- Applicants will be notified by December 29, 2019.

We look forward to receiving your application and getting to know you better. If you have any questions about this process please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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YPF APPLICATION

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Please submit your application in this order:

1. • Cover Sheet (*this page*)
2. • Questionnaire
3. • References
4. • Writing Exercise
5. • Additional Writing Samples (optional)
6. • The following forms with signatures:
 - a. Attendance Policy Agreement Form
 - b. Parent / Student Agreement Form

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Applications must be received by December 22, 2019.

MAIL: YPF Applications c/o Ensemble Theatre Company
P.O. Box 2307 Santa Barbara, CA 93120

EMAIL: Scan your complete application and email it to bmcDonald@etcSB.org
Be sure to include "YPF Application" in the subject line.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

School: _____

Student Email: _____
(Please print legibly)

Phone Number: _____

Have you participated in the YPF before? • Yes • No



QUESTIONNAIRE:

Please tell us about yourself by answering the questions below. You may use a separate sheet of paper if necessary. Only answer if the question applies to you.

- I. **Objective:** Please describe why you would like to participate in the YPF program.

- II. **Extracurricular Activities:** Highlight your honest involvement and participation in extracurricular activities.

- III. **Leadership:** Please describe any leadership positions that you held in your school or extracurricular activities.

- IV. **Accolades:** Please list and describe any awards or special honors that you have received (ex: "A" Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, etc.).

- V. **Previous Writing Experience:** List any previous writing experience including keeping a journal, short stories, poems, etc.



REFERENCES:

Note: A family member CANNOT be a reference. At least two teachers (with whom you currently have a class) MUST fill two reference spots.

Teacher Reference: (Teacher with whom I currently have a class)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Class in which I am currently enrolled: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

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Technical Information *(This is for information only and will not have an effect on your overall acceptance in to the program)*

Do you have a working laptop computer that you can use for this class?

- Yes • No

Do you have a working home computer that you can use for this class?

- Yes • No

What operating system are you using? • Windows • MAC

Please check writing software that you currently have:

- Word • Pages • None • Other _____



WRITING EXERCISE:

Please choose one of the following pictures and create a one-two page monologue inspired by what you see in the photo. Please use a separate sheet of paper. You may also choose to submit additional writing materials but it is not required.

A dramatic monologue, is a speech of an individual character; it compresses into a single vivid scene a narrative sense of the speaker's state of mind.

When trying to understand a dramatic monologue, ask yourself these questions:

- What is the situation?
- Who is the speaker talking to and why?
- What tactics is the speaker using to make his case?
- Does the speaker change their mind during the monologue?
- What do *you* think about this character and what they have to say?





ATTENDANCE POLICY AGREEMENT FORM:

Before filling out this page please review the schedule at a glance which is located online at <https://etc.sb.org/education/young-playwrights-festival>.

In order to promote student accountability and credibility to the YPF program the following attendance policy has been established:

(STUDENT must initial on the line after each statement)

_____ I understand that I must contact and provide a written explanation to the YPF instructor regarding my absences to YPF classes and events.

_____ I will provide at least 48-hour notice of an absence of which I am aware (medical appointments, trips, etc.).

_____ I understand that I will be dismissed from YPF if I accumulate 3 unexcused absences.

_____ I understand that emergencies, summons to court, tutoring, academic issues, doctor appointments, and illnesses are all EXCUSED and do not count towards an absence.

I have read and understood these policies. _____

(Student Signature)

Please list any known conflicts:



PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name: _____

Preferred Email: _____
(Please print legibly)

Phone Number: _____

Name: _____

Preferred Email: _____
(Please print legibly)

Phone Number: _____

PARENTAL/STUDENT AGREEMENT FORM

I, _____, permit child, _____, to
(Name of parent) (Name of student)

participate in the 2020 Young Playwrights’ Festival program at Ensemble Theatre Company. I understand that the YPF class will be held outside of the school day and will require a serious commitment from my child.

My signature below confirms that I have read and understand YPF commitment.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____