

Submission Policies and Procedures

Julie Harris Playwriting Competition

Please read the rules and submission procedures thoroughly.
Playwrights must comply with the instructions and requests.

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There is a charge of \$25 for each submission.

Checks must be payable to: **Beverly Hills Theatre Guild**

Rules for the Julie Harris Playwright Awards Competition:

1. Entries must be original, full-length plays (minimum of 75/80 minutes playing time), unpublished, unproduced, and not currently under any option. "Unproduced" means: No previous production (Equity or non-Equity) for which actors or authors were paid or admission was charged, or both. No musicals are eligible. Plays with an occasional song for ambience are considered.
2. An author may submit only one entry, whether under his or her name, or a pseudonym. Co-Authorships are permissible.
3. Entries must be written in English and typed or computer printed (no dot matrix) in standard American or English stage play format. The plays must be page numbered.
4. The following entries are not eligible: musicals, short one act plays (less than 75 minutes), groups of short one act plays (related or unrelated), translations, plays for children, a play that has won any other competition, a play that was entered in any prior year's Beverly Hills Theatre Guild Playwright Award Competition. For entries adapted or based or suggested by/from other materials, which are copyrighted, authors must provide proof of copyright owner's sanction (e.g. under current copyright).
5. Entries must be submitted with completed and signed applications and received by BHTG between January 1st and February 28 (postmark accepted) of the contest year. Only entries received between these dates will be eligible. Scripts sent before or after these dates will not be accepted, read, or returned. Results will be announced on our web site the following June.
6. Submissions in non-compliance of these Rules and the Submission Procedures will be ineligible for entry in the competition. No entry is returned.

7. The Beverly Hills Theatre Guild has the right to accept or reject any entry without explanation and will not correspond with or discuss with any person the results of the competition or the acceptance or rejection of any entry. No entry is returned.

8. The competition judges' decisions are final in all respects.

9. As a sponsor of this Competition, the Beverly Hills Theatre Guild has the following rights, which it may exercise at its sole discretion:

- To declare any entry ineligible if prior to Competition's close (June 1) the entry is in violation of rule #2. Authors must notify the BHTG of any change in status.
- To reproduce as many copies of an entry as are necessary for distribution among the judges or to request an author to supply a specified number of copies.
- To use the author's name and title of any award-winning entry for publicity about this Playwright Award and the results of the competition.
- To present one script-in-hand, rehearsed reading of an award-winning entry to an invited, non-paying audience. No royalty payment will be due to the entry's author for that reading.

10. Each award winner shall, always, in connection with publication, production, publicity, programs, posters, and advertisements about an award-winning entry, designate that the play is an "Award Winner of the Beverly Hills Theatre Guild/Julie Harris Playwright Award Competition." Award winners must consent to sign a letter of agreement with BHTG to this effect.

11. Each entry shall be free from copyright restrictions relating to this Award and the author shall hold The Beverly Hills Theatre Guild, its officers, and directors free and harmless from all copyright claims.

12. The BHTG is not a theatrical producing organization.

13. The Beverly Hills Theatre Guild does not sponsor scholarships, fellowships, educational grants, or loans to students or private individuals.

Submission Procedures:

1. "You"=Author or co-authors. "BHTG"=The Beverly Hills Theatre Guild.

2. You must submit your entry with a completed application form, available on our website. You may request an application form by sending a self-addressed business size stamped envelope to:

Beverly Hills Theatre Guild

c/o Donna King

2112 Century Park Lane, #408

Los Angeles, CA 90067

3. You must personally sign the application. Entries must be legible including the name and signature of the writer(s). The author(s) must sign the entry form. Proxy or agent signatures are not accepted and will lead to disqualification.

4. If sending by mail, send script to the above address along with your completed application and your check for \$25. Your entry must be securely bound and page numbered. A clip holding pages together does not constitute being bound. This is insisted upon for the protection of the script and benefit of the writer. Loose scripts may have pages become misplaced or lost.

5. If sending via e-mail, send a PDF file to submissions@beverlyhillstheatreguild.com

Make sure your script is page numbered. You must mail in your application along with your check for \$25 to the above address. Once the application and check are received, you will be officially entered into the competition.

6. All entries must include the following: Cast List, Time and Place, Number of Acts and Scenes. This information should be on a page by itself and not part of the title page or the script.

7. Do not show your name, address, or any identifying information on any page or on the cover of your entry. Attach a separate sheet containing the title of your entry, your name, address, phone number, and any other information. You may enter the copyright or registration date and number on the title page of the bound script.

8. To preserve anonymity, all entries will be identified by numbers for judging and all identifying marks will be removed.

9. Submissions will not be returned.

10. You may enclose a self-addressed stamped postcard for acknowledgment of receipt of your entry. Competition winners to be announced on the website in June.

11. The BHTG is not responsible for loss or damage to entries.

12. Address all inquiries to:

Competition Coordinator

BHTG-Julie Harris Playwright Award Competition

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Los Angeles, CA 90067

Or send email to:

info@beverlyhillstheatreguild.com