

What is the New Voices Young Playwrights Festival?

The New Voices Young Playwrights Festival, sponsored by the LG&E and KU Foundation, celebrates new plays by young writers from our region. This year, we will choose 6 to 8 short plays from the New Voices Contest to produce in the festival, which will take place virtually on Actors Theatre's online platforms. The winning playwrights work alongside Actors Theatre staff to bring their stories to life.

Am I eligible?

The New Voices Young Playwrights Festival is open to middle and high school students, grades 6 through 12, living in Kentucky or the 812 area code of Southern Indiana. Students must be enrolled in the 6th – 12th grade as of October 31, 2020. All young writers are encouraged to submit—you do not need to participate in a New Voices classroom residency to submit your play to the festival.

I wrote a play! How do I prepare the script for submission?

Scripts must be typed, and no more than ten pages long. When writing your play, please keep in mind that selected plays will be performed on the Zoom virtual platform. Think about how you can make your play Zoom-able! And be sure to fill out a cover sheet so that we can contact you if we choose your play! You can fill out the form online with this link: www.tinyurl.com/NV1920WebCoversheet

What does Zoom-able mean?

First, no need to worry and have this stifle your creativity. It simply means that if your play is selected, your work will be rehearsed and performed remotely over Zoom. Actors will be in their homes, using what they have available, and supported digitally by Actors Theatre of Louisville staff. You can take this into consideration when imagining the circumstances of your play or not! We simply want you to keep in mind that your work will be presented on a screen. For an example, please view this link to our 2020 New Voices Festival that was presented via Zoom. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xoQ0Y7UvN4g>

Do I have to fill out a cover sheet?

All submissions must be accompanied by a completed cover sheet. You can fill out the cover sheet online here: www.tinyurl.com/NV1920WebCoversheet

Can I send my play in via snail mail?

Due to COVID-19, we are asking that all submissions be electronic. Please read below for the appropriate methods to submit your documents.

MICROSOFT WORD & PDF: Please submit all Microsoft Word & PDF submissions to NewVoicesContest@gmail.com.

GOOGLE DOCS: Please share your google doc with NewVoicesContest@gmail.com

****NOTE:** We do not accept Apple Pages or Microsoft SharePoint Online documents.

Can I submit more than one play?

Sorry, only one submission per playwright—send us your best!

I wrote a play with one of my friends. Can we submit it together?

Unfortunately, we only produce plays that are written by a single playwright in the New Voices Young Playwrights Festival.

What's the submission deadline?

Submissions must be emailed no later than Monday, January 25, 2021. Winners will be notified in March of 2021.

What do I win?

Winners will have their plays produced in the virtual New Voices Young Playwrights Festival. As part of the play development process, winners participate in two playwriting workshops. Playwrights are also invited to attend the virtual rehearsals for their plays.