



2026-2027

EMERGING PLAYWRIGHTS COMPETITION

SCRIPT SUBMISSION RULES

- Eligibility: Each participant must:
- Be a high school student in Ingham, Eaton or Clinton County and in Grades 9-12.
 - Be sponsored by a teacher who will be a liaison between the student and the Riverwalk Theater Committee.
 - Submit an application form with script. Parent/Guardian, sponsoring teacher and student signatures are required.
 - 5 Finalists will each receive a cash award of \$1000.

- Guidelines: All plays must:
- Be student's original work.
 - Be twelve (12) pages maximum. (Not including Title page and Character/Description page)
 - Include 1-4 characters.
 - Be submitted in Word document with pages numbered with no student names on scripts. Use Ariel 12pt font and 1" margins.

Students retain all rights to their scripts and agree to allow Riverwalk Theatre to produce one public performance.

Email applications and scripts to: EmergingPlaywrights.RWT@gmail.com.

Deliver or Mail to Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing, MI 48933.

More information available at: www.RiverwalkTheatre.com/playwrights.

**ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON, BY USPS
MAIL OR ELECTRONICALLY BY 5pm on 02/17/2027.**

***Failure to meet any of the rules and guidelines will be grounds for
disqualification from the competition. Judges' decisions are final.***

Awards are not transferable.



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September 2026:	Mailing to all schools with information and contest entry forms
February 17, 2027:	Submissions must be received by in person delivery to Riverwalk Theatre on Museum Drive, via email to www.riverwalktheatre.com or via mail at Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr., Lansing, MI 48933.
April 1, 2027:	Judges will receive all scripts.
May 1, 2027:	Final decision by judges and winners notified. All contestants will receive feedback from judges.
June 24, 2027	Awards presented at Barney Awards Ceremony.
Summer, 2027	Emerging Playwrights Festival -Top two scripts will be presented as full productions, and the next three scripts will be presented as staged readings by Riverwalk Theatre. These will be public performances.

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