



New Play Festival Guidelines

Deadline and Submission Fee

\$20 per entry. All entries must be submitted no later than June 20, 2026 by 5pm Mountain Time. Registration fees may be paid by credit card on the www.RiotActInc.org or by check or money order mailed to Riot Act, Inc. PO Box 6735, Jackson, WY 83002.

Basic requirements

- Plays should run 20-30 minutes total (20 to 30 pages.)
- Plays should require no more than 4 actors total. However, you may have more characters that are double casting actors in multiple roles.
- Set and prop concepts should be simple and must be easily broken down and moved. No more than 1 set change or 2 sets total allowed. Sets should be simple with not many elements.
- Entries will be accepted from playwrights residing in the regional areas of WY, ID, UT, CO and MT.
- The play must not have been previously published or produced within the past 5 years or in any of the resident states. Plays previously submitted but not produced may be resubmitted if reworked based on commentary received in previous years.

Play Format requirements

- Please provide 2 copies of your play, one with playwright information included and one without. (Judges read the plays blindly, so we need a copy with no playwright information.)
- Title page should include the play title, playwright's name and full contact information.
- Subsequent pages should include page numbers and play title in a header or footer.
- DO NOT include playwright's name in header or footer.
- Body of the play should be no more than 30 pages long, double spaced, with a 10- to 12-point font.
- Unfamiliar with play formatting? Please visit <https://www.dramatistsguild.com/sites/default/files/2020-01/General-SFI-Formatting-Guidelines-Complete.pdf> for more information and examples.
- No revisions will be allowed after the audition and rehearsal process begins. *Unless requested by director and agreed upon by the playwright.*

Playwright proposal form must be completed electronically. Plays must be submitted electronically as either a Word file or as a PDF. Access online: [PLAYWRIGHT PROPOSAL FORM](#). Please email all questions to NewPlayFest@riotactinc.org.

Three finalists will be chosen by a panel of judges and notified no later than July 31, 2026. The finalists' productions will be produced as part of the Riot Act, Inc.'s Series of Shorts September 2026. Rehearsals will run from August to performances in September 2026. Winners will be chosen by audience choice during the run of the shows.

For more information email NewPlayFest@riotactinc.org or check our website at www.riotactinc.org.