

Young Playwrights' Festival 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 it in class.

Being a member of YPF is similar to being a member of a "sports team" for a school semester. You must show up for weekly classes (held Saturday mornings from 10am – 12pm), complete weekly reading and writing assignments, accept constructive criticism, attend a play at ETC (included in tuition), and conduct yourself in a professional manner. Your submission of the YPF application is a demonstration of your dedication to the program and an agreement to do the work.

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,



Brian McDonald

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Ensemble Theatre Company

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YPF APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

School: _____

Student Email: _____
(Please print legibly)

Phone Number: _____

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, 2018 to qualify.

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@etsb.org
Be sure to include "YPF Application" in the subject line.



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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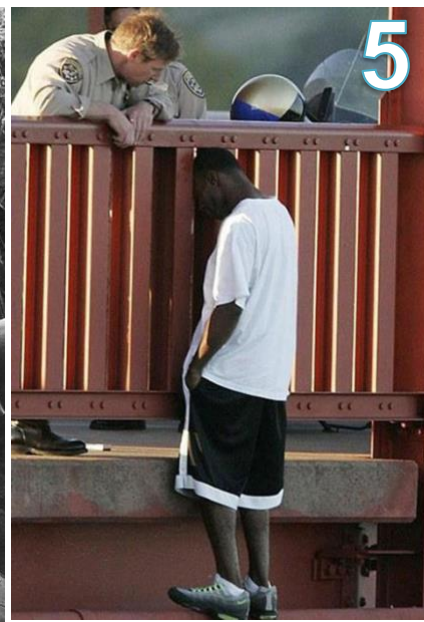
WRITING EXERCISE:

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 seem to change his mind during the monologue?
- What do *you* think about this character and what he has to say?





ATTENDANCE POLICY AGREEMENT FORM:

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)



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 2019 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: _____