



Announcing The Stephen H. Grant 2023 High School Student Playwright Festival

Budding writers in Rockland high schools are invited to compose and submit a 10-minute play for a competition co-sponsored by two professional theatres, Penguin Rep Theatre and Phoenix Theatre Ensemble. Five plays will then be selected for a public reading by professional actors at Penguin Rep in Stony Point later this spring. This competition is named in honor of the late Stephen H. Grant, a pillar of the community in Rockland County and a long-time member of Penguin's Board of Trustees.

Students' one-act plays on any topic will be reviewed by a team of professional theater personnel, including actors and directors. Detailed instructions and a sample script are provided herein. All entrants will receive certificates of recognition for their submissions and the authors of the winning scripts will receive a monetary award in addition.

For over 40 years, Penguin Rep has been home to stellar original productions featuring Actors' Equity stars of stage and screen, including Tony, Emmy, and Oscar award winners. Founded in 2004, Phoenix Theatre Ensemble is an award-winning not-for-profit organization committed to the presentation of the great stories of the classical canon, and new adaptations of language-rich texts in innovative stagings that speak to and serve contemporary audiences.

Award-winning author, playwright, literary manager, and educator, Angelo Parra, will be available via a Zoom meeting to offer feedback on scripts to finalists before the readings. His book, *Playwriting for Dummies*, will be made available for participating schools.

Guidelines are as follows:

- Plays must be typed and should be in standard play format (see sample). They should include setting, characters, dialog, and stage directions.
- Original one-act plays may be up to 10 pages in length and approximately 10 minutes in duration.
- Student playwrights must be in grades 9-12 during the 2022-2023 school year and attending any of Rockland County's public or private high schools or home school.
- Plays may be written by individuals, pairs, or small groups of students.
- Plays should feature between 1 to 4 characters.
- The cover page (attached) must list your name, home address, email, phone number, high school, and grade, play title, a play topic, and list of characters' names with pertinent descriptions (i.e., age, gender, role/occupation).
- Entries should be submitted to Penguin Rep via mail or email by **April 21, 2023**.
- Submit your cover sheet and completed play to Penguin Rep Theatre, P. O. Box 91, Stony Point, NY 10980 OR email info@penguinrep.org.

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High School Student Playwright Festival Application Cover Page

Student Name(s):

Address(es):

Phone(s):

Email(s):

High School:

Grade(s):

Title of Play:

Setting:

Time period:

Topic:

_____ Superhero

_____ Friend to the end

_____ Guns/Violence in our lives

_____ Bullying

_____ Our planet

_____ A big challenge

_____ A big risk

_____ Growing and changing

_____ Any situation or subject of your own choosing (List topic below.):

Characters (up to four):

Name	Age Range	Brief Description

Feel free to contact Penguin Rep via email (info@penguinrep.org) with any questions you may have.

Enjoy this opportunity to have your creative voice heard!