



**NATIONAL PLAYWRIGHTS CONFERENCE**  
**Wendy C. Goldberg, Artistic Director**  
**2010 Application Guidelines**

The Eugene O'Neill Theater Center supports playwrights during the creation and development of new play projects at the National Playwrights Conference each summer. The authors of selected works will be awarded a residency, rehearsal process, and a script-in-hand public reading during July and August of 2010. A stipend, room, board, and transportation are provided for each writer selected.

We support the development of all styles and genres of plays that have not previously been produced by a professional company. Both original and adapted works are accepted, providing that the rights to any material not in the public domain have been granted in writing, and a copy is included with application and materials submitted. (If you have a music theater piece, please look to applying to The O'Neill's National Music Theater Conference.)

**Application Materials Required:**

1. Script Submission and Formatting – Please submit two (2) anonymous copies of your script. Please entirely remove your name and contact information from these scripts. We ask that each copy be collated, paginated, and bound with either binder clips or brads. Please do not use three-brad portfolio covers or report covers. **In an effort to save trees and shipping costs, we encourage all applicants to submit double-sided copies.**
2. Additional Material - Please send each of the following on separate pages.
  - a. A biographical statement with an emphasis on your history as a playwright.
  - b. A synopsis of your play.
  - c. A character break-down with descriptions of ages.
3. Send a CD-R, a 3.5 inch floppy disc, or a USB flash drive with a anonymous, digital copy of script and all additional materials in PDF, Microsoft Word, or Final Draft format.
4. A check or money order for \$35.00 payable to the National Playwrights Conference. This covers the costs associated with the selection process.
5. A completed application page (which follows on the next page).

Please DO NOT send more than the above materials with the application.

Please note that NO materials will be returned.

NO incomplete submissions will be accepted.

ONLY ONE play may be submitted by a single writer each year.

NO drop-off script deliveries will be accepted.

If you would like notification that your script was received, please enclose a self-addressed stamped postcard or send it with Delivery Confirmation, Certified Mail, or Return Receipt through the U.S. Postal Service.

Please note that we are unable to provide feedback on any submissions.

**EARLY SUBMISSIONS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.** Applications with complete materials are accepted with a postmark date of September 21st to October 23rd, 2009 ONLY.

Send all required materials, including the \$35.00 processing fee check or money order to:  
National Playwrights Conference, 305 Great Neck Road, Waterford, CT 06385.  
Call (860) 443-5378, Ext 227 with any questions.

