



Oregon Children's Theatre is seeking scripts for The Bully Project, a playwriting contest open to 6th - 8th graders.

Oregon Children's Theatre invites middle school students to submit original, 10-minute anti-bullying plays. From submissions received, OCT will select six finalists to work with local playwrights in March 2014 to revise and craft their scripts in a workshop setting. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three finalists: First prize: \$100, second prize: \$50, third prize: \$25. All six finalists' scripts will be featured at a staged reading at the Winningstad Theatre on May 11, 2014. One winning script will be submitted to Young Playwrights for Change, a national anti-bullying playwriting competition hosted by Theatre for Young Audiences USA and the American Alliance for Theatre and Education. More information about Young Playwrights for Change can be found at www.assitej-usa.org.

After the community reading, all plays from The Bully Project will be available on OCT's website free of charge for teachers to use in their classrooms.



Download submission forms, playwriting tips, and style guide at www.octc.org/schoolservices/bullyproject.

Mail submissions, a completed cover sheet, and signed parent/guardian consent form to Oregon Children's Theatre, 1939 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland, OR 97232. Deadline for submissions is January 3, 2014.

Questions? Please contact Allison Davis at allison@octc.org.

Important Dates

Submissions are due January 3, 2014.

Finalists will be selected and notified by February 3, 2014.

Workshop sessions with the six finalists will be held in March 2014. Final revisions are due by April 1.

First, second and third place winners will be announced by April 30, 2014.

The reading is May 11, 2014, at the Winningstad Theatre. All six finalists' plays will be presented at the reading. There will be an awards ceremony and reception following the reading.



Contest Rules

Plays must address the subject of bullying and contain an anti-bullying theme or message.

Students must have permission from a parent or guardian to enter the contest. A signed Parent Consent Form must be included with all submissions.

Plays must be the original work of the author. **Scripts may not be co-authored.**

Themes and content must be appropriate for middle school aged audiences. Scripts containing profanity or inappropriate content are not eligible.

Authors must be in 6th- 8th grade and live in Oregon or Washington.

Completed scripts must be no longer than 10 minutes when read aloud.

Scripts may have up to, but no more than 6 characters.

Submit 2 typed copies of your play. Scripts will not be returned—be sure to keep a copy for yourself!

Submissions must be accompanied by The Bully Project Cover Page and the signed Parent Consent form.

Scripts must be in standard American format. Check the creative and style guidelines if you have questions about how to do this.

Scripts must be typed with page numbers.

Other than the cover page, do not include your name on any other page of your script.

Selection Process

Submissions will be read and scored by a committee of OCT Young Professionals, local educators, and OCT staff. Each script will be read by the committee. First, second and third place winners will be selected by an OCT artistic team.

Additional Information

1. Oregon Children's Theatre reserves the right to change any contest rule.
2. Oregon Children's Theatre reserves the right to accept or reject any play submitted to the contest for any reason.
3. No copies of submissions will be returned.

Please note: By submitting a play to The Bully Project, you are giving Oregon Children's Theatre permission to produce or excerpt your play now or in the future, and giving permission for your script to be made available online for free download for educational and not-for-profit use.

