

**The Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival
UNDERGRADUATE THEATRE SCHOLAR AWARDS**

KCACTF is pleased to continue an awards program for undergraduate theatre scholars attending KCACTF participating institutions. In order to further student activity in the discipline of theatre scholarship, this program encourages and rewards research and scholarly writing among undergraduates throughout the nation. Research Papers on all areas of the art and craft of Theatre, the outcome of class assignments or students' own research interests, will be reviewed by KCACTF-appointed readers for a cash award and a KCACTF National Festival residency in April, 2017.

Submission Criteria

The manuscript should be a scholarly paper of 10-20 pages [plus endnotes and references] on any area in the art, craft and/or history of theatre, or a cross-disciplinary topic with the art of theatre featuring as a key area of investigation.

Eligibility

The submitting student must be a bona fide, matriculated undergraduate student, at least half-time enrollment, at an institution that has participated in KCACTF in 2015 or 2016.

The submitted manuscript should have been written no earlier than September 2015.

At this time, co-authored manuscripts will not be considered for the awards.

To Submit

A. All submissions will be in PDF format. No paper or CD Rom copies will be accepted.

B. Each manuscript will be submitted with a blind title page:

1) Title of Paper

2) Date

3) The statement: "This is a copyrighted work submitted for review purposes only"

C. The manuscript will have no author identification within the body of the paper [headers, footers, at pagination points, etc.]

D. A full title page consisting of

1) Title

2) Name of the author

3) Date

4) Copyright notice ["copyright 2015 *name of author*"]

5) E-mail address

6) Snail mail address

7) Name of academic mentor

must be submitted as a second, separate PDF document in the same e-mail as the blinded manuscript.

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F. by DECEMBER 9, 2016

Award Selection Criteria

The manuscripts will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Originality of the topic or approach
- Scholarly rigor
- Use of primary resources
- Organization
- Style
- Syntax
- Grammar
- Punctuation

A selection panel of eight readers, one from each KCACTF region, made up of faculty and emeritus faculty, will be appointed by each KCACTF Regional Chair. No faculty member with a student in the submission pool will be appointed to the selection panel. The KCACTF Artistic Director will appoint a team of finalist readers in consultation with the KCACTF National Committee, should the total number of submissions warrant.

The award recipients will be announced on or around March 15, 2017.

The Awards

\$1000 and the award recipients will receive an all-expenses paid fellowship to participate in the National Festival at the Kennedy Center, April 18-22, 2017.

Questions?

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