

eugene o'neill theater center • national playwrights conference

NPC 2027 Application Guide

Applications accepted August 25 – September 10, 2026

Application Materials

The 2027 National Playwrights Conference application is hosted on [Submittable](#), which is where you will upload the following materials. You'll receive a confirmation email as soon as your application has been submitted. Please review the eligibility requirements on [our website](#) before applying.

1. Your Script and Developmental Goals (PDF)

- **Remove your name and contact information.** All submissions are reviewed blind. Therefore, we cannot accept scripts that include identifying author information.
- **Remove your agent's name and contact information** if you have one.
- Make sure that your script has **page numbers** and a **character breakdown** that lists character names, doubling schemes, and any necessary identifying traits.
- Add your **Developmental Goals** to the end of your script. This should be no more than a page in length. A bullet-pointed list is fine. Please use this opportunity to share your larger developmental goals for the play, and what you would hope to accomplish at NPC if selected.
- Upload your script and developmental goals as **a single PDF file**. Please name this file after the title of your play. **We are only able to accept PDF files.**
- Please note that only complete and correctly formatted scripts will be accepted. **If your script does not adhere to these formatting requirements, your application will be withdrawn** and your fee will not be refunded.

2. Supplemental Questions

- Your **contact information** and **optional demographic information** will be requested.
- In addition to their developmental workshop period, all playwrights selected for NPC will be invited to a multi-week summer residency at the O'Neill campus in Waterford, CT. Multiple O'Neill programs run concurrently each summer, and dormitory-style accommodations are provided for all. Our application will ask **what you hope to gain from being in community with other O'Neill artists and NPC playwrights**, and what you hope to contribute as a member of this community. (250 words max.)
- You'll be asked to share a brief **synopsis** of your play (250 words max), a **short bio** that focuses on your background as a theatermaker. (500 words max), and your **cast size**. This year, the maximum cast size for NPC is no more than 8 total actors per play.
- If applicable, you will be asked to provide a **developmental history** of your play that includes any prior readings or workshops. Upcoming readings or workshops must be disclosed, too.
- If you are adapting a work that is not in the public domain, you will be asked to upload proof of your **permission to adapt** the work.
- Finally, you'll be asked to **confirm your play's eligibility** for NPC. You can review those requirements in full on [our website](#).

3. **\$15 Admin Fee** This covers the costs associated with the administration of the NPC application process. If it poses a financial barrier, [request a fee waiver](#) before you begin your application.

questions? Reach out to the O'Neill Literary Office with questions at litooffice@theoneill.org. NOTE: if you are having technical issues with Submittable—with login, payment, etc—please contact them directly at support@submittable.com