



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**FY 2023-2024/2024-2025  
PLAYWRIGHT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

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## PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

Funded by Miami-Dade County, Playwrights Development Program (PDP) is a series of two-day workshops conducted by nationally renowned playwrights in conjunction with the Theatre League of South Florida and the Deering Estate at Cutler. The program is designed to provide intensive support for cultivating new work from Miami-Dade County's growing and diverse community of playwrights. Local playwrights are invited to submit work samples for review by a panel that will admit a limited number of participants into the series.

The PDP Cycle lasts the duration of two years with the series consisting of three weekend workshops each of the two years (a total of 6 weekend workshops) with exact dates to be determined. Selected local playwrights *must* agree to attend all workshops, at which they will be provided with the opportunity to further develop their work in intensive sessions with a nationally renowned playwright. Participation at meetings scheduled in addition to the workshops may also be required. At the conclusion of the series, "workshopped" plays may be presented in professionally produced readings at the Deering Estate.

Prior years' PDP included the participation of John Guare, Edward Albee, Maria Irene Fornes, Leslie Ayvazian, Nilo Cruz, A.R. Gurney, Eduardo Machado, Arthur Kopit, Tina Howe, Christian Parker, Carlos Murillo, Kenneth Finkle, Deborah Zoe Lauffer, Kia Corthron, and Sheri Wilner.

## PARTICIPATING PLAYWRIGHT

The master playwright for the 2023-2024/2024-2025 program cycle is yet to be determined.

## ELIGIBILITY

All professional writers residing in **Miami-Dade County** are eligible to apply. A professional artist is defined as a person who creates, on an ongoing basis, original works of art within an artistic discipline, and is pursuing this work as a means of livelihood **or** a way to achieve the highest level of professional recognition.

Applicants must be over 18 years of age. Artists must have resided and worked in **Miami-Dade County** for one year at the time of application. Selections will be made contingent on proof of residency. Non-professional students pursuing undergraduate degrees, non-professionals who engage in writing as a hobby, or employees of Miami-Dade County are *not* eligible.

**ARTISTS IN THE CURRENT CYCLE OF PLAYWRIGHTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM MAY OPT TO RETURN TO UPCOMING CYCLE TO FURTHER DEVELOP A WORK IN PROGRESS.**

## DEADLINES

### **Application Deadline:**

For application and deadline schedule information, go to the Playwrights Development Program (PDP) grant program information page at <http://miamidadearts.org/playwright-development-program-pdp>

### **Application Deadline:**

Playwrights are encouraged to complete the application process at least 72 hours in advance of the application deadline to ensure successful submittal. At precisely 4:00 PM on the deadline date the online grant system will automatically close the application system. Artists who fail to complete the submittal process by this deadline will be locked out of the system and deemed ineligible. Applications

submitted by any other means are not acceptable. PDP has no corrections period. Applications and support material will be reviewed by the members of the panel as originally submitted.

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

The PDP Program is utilizing an online application process through the Department's website. Please visit [www.miamidadearts.org](http://www.miamidadearts.org) and click on the GRANTS/SURVEY MONKEY APPLY tab to access the PDP application forms.

### **Pre-Grant Submission Consultations:**

Applicants **MUST** attend a consultation with Department staff, either in person or by telephone AT THE LATEST, ONE WEEK PRIOR TO DEADLINE. There are no exceptions to this requirement. Please email [asp@miamidade.gov](mailto:asp@miamidade.gov) to arrange a consultation with Adriana S. Pérez.

### **Application Process:**

Applicants must complete all the tasks associated with the application via SurveyMonkey Apply. Make sure to allow enough time to complete each task to ensure compliance with the program's requirements.

Before you can access the grant application form, you must have a user account for basic log-in access and complete and submit an Eligibility Form. Once you have completed the form it will be reviewed by the Program Administrator to determine whether you are eligible to apply. **This review may take up to 3 business days.** After your eligibility is confirmed, you will be provided access to the application form. It is critical to keep these steps and this timeline in mind when preparing to submit the application.

Requesting access to the grant application less than 7 business days prior to an upcoming deadline is neither an adequate timeframe for successful completion nor a reasonable expectation of staff.

For questions, please contact Adriana S. Pérez, Program Administrator via email: [asp@miamidade.gov](mailto:asp@miamidade.gov).

## **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **TO SATISFY THE PROGRAM'S TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS, APPLICANTS:**

- ✓ **MUST** ATTEND A PRE-GRANT CONSULTATION (email [asp@miamidade.gov](mailto:asp@miamidade.gov) for appointment).
- ✓ **MUST** COMPLETE THE ENTIRE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS.
- ✓ **MUST** SUBMIT A COMPLETE AND SELF-SUFFICIENT APPLICATION AND SUPPORT DOCUMENTS/WORK SAMPLE.
- ✓ **MUST** MAKE CERTAIN YOUR SUBMISSION IS COMPLETED NO LATER THAN 11:59 PM ON THE DEADLINE DATE USING THE ONLINE APPLICATION GRANT SYSTEM.
- ✓ **MUST** ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY.
- ✓ **MUST** PRINT A COPY OF THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ANY SUPPORT MATERIALS FOR YOUR RECORDS.
- ✓ **MUST** PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR PRIOR TO APPLICATION DEADLINE
- ✓ **MUST** UPLOAD A FULL-LENGTH WORK SAMPLE. Applicants are *not* required to submit work intended for development during the program.

- × ***CANNOT*** SUBSTITUTE AN APPLICATION WITH A SELF-CREATED OR SCANNED FORM. FAXED, MAILED, E-MAILED OR HAND DELIVERED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

## **EVALUATION CRITERIA, SELECTION PROCESS AND SCHEDULE**

Submissions will be judged by a national panel of playwriting/dramaturgy experts. To arrive at the finalists, the panel will consider the applicant's level of professional involvement based on the body of work as evidenced by the submitted work samples and support materials. **All samples of your work submitted for review must have been completed within the last four (4) years prior to the application date. Failure to comply with this condition will result in disqualification.**

Participants in the program will have their work showcased at a festival of staged readings at the Deering Estate.

Late applications *cannot* be accepted. For application and deadline schedule information, go to the Playwright Development Program (PDP) Program information page at:

<http://miamidadearts.org/playwright-development-program-pdp>

## **PUBLICITY AND CREDIT REQUIREMENTS**

The Grantee must include the following credit line in all printed and electronic promotional and marketing materials related to this grant including websites, news and press releases, public service announcements, broadcast media, event programs, videos, and publications: **"With the support of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners."** For radio, television and/or online broadcast, we require the following voice-over language: **"This program is supported in part by the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs."** For television and online broadcast, display of the County logo and the "[www.miamidadearts.org](http://www.miamidadearts.org)" web address is required. The grantee must also use the County's logo in marketing and publicity materials, including but not limited to newsletters, press releases, brochures, fliers, websites, online content, or any other materials for dissemination to the media or general public. The County logo is available at [www.miamidadearts.org](http://www.miamidadearts.org) under Grantee Resources. Grantees are required to credit the County's support in any communications about the grant-funded project on social media platforms using @MiamiDadeArts and #MiamiDadeArts.

**By accepting County funds, the grantee is required to recognize and acknowledge Miami-Dade County's grant support in a manner commensurate with all contributors and sponsors of its activities at comparable dollar levels.**

In addition, grantees receiving funds through the YEP, SAS-C and AKI grant programs must include The Children's Trust logo and the following statement in all printed and electronic materials related to the grant project, including but not limited to newsletters, press releases, brochures, fliers, websites, online content, or any other materials for dissemination to the media or general public:

**"[Provider Program Name] is funded by The Children's Trust. The Children's Trust is a dedicated source of revenue established by voter referendum to improve the lives of children and families in Miami-Dade County by making strategic investments in their future."** To download an electronic version of The Children's Trust logo, please go to: [The Children's Trust Media Kit & Logos](#).

Note: In cases where funding by The Children's Trust represents only a percentage of the grantee's overall funding, the above language can be altered to read "[Provider Program Name] is funded in part by The Children's Trust..."

## **ABOUT MIAMI DADE COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council develop cultural excellence, diversity, and participation throughout Miami-Dade County by strategically creating and promoting opportunities for artists and cultural organizations, and our residents and visitors who are their audiences. Through staff, board and programmatic resources, the Department, the Council and the Art in Public Places Trust promote, coordinate and support Miami-Dade County's more than 1,000 not-for-profit cultural organizations as well as thousands of resident artists through grants, technical assistance, public information and interactive community planning. The Department directs the Art in Public Places program and serves its board, the Art in Public Places Trust, commissioning, curating, maintaining and promoting the County's art collection. The Department also manages, programs and operates the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, Joseph Caleb Auditorium, Miami-Dade County Auditorium, and South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, all dedicated to presenting and supporting excellence in the arts for the entire community. The Department receives funding through the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, The Children's Trust, the National Endowment for the Arts, the State of Florida through the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the Peacock Foundation, Inc. and The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation. Other support and services are provided by TicketWeb for the Culture Shock Miami program, the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, the South Florida Cultural Consortium, and the Tourist Development Council.