

## **New for 2024: Student Dramaturg for Playworks**

So...what is a dramaturg?

A dramaturg can be many things, depending on whether a play is a new work in development (like our Playworks pieces!) or a classic piece with a storied history. The dramaturg's job is to wear many hats: researcher, teacher, advocate, puzzle-solver, consultant, and scholar – just to name a few! They are a critical part of the production team and help build the world of the play.

When working on a new piece, a dramaturg works with the playwright to make sure the playwright's intentions are clear, and they ask insightful questions to help develop the world of the play in real-time. They are there to support the construction of the playwright's vision.

For Playworks at State Festival, the student dramaturg and the playwright work as a dynamic team, alongside the director and cast, to continue active development of the playwright's piece. They will be part of the audition, rehearsal, and staged reading processes, all of which will happen on site at CSTF this year.

Ideal candidates for the student dramaturg role:

- Love analyzing scripts
- Enjoy in-depth research
- Communicate ideas clearly
- Craft questions to inspire discussion
- Want to actively contribute to new play development

If this sounds like you, [Apply Using Open Water](#) by November 30, 2023.

(For more details on dramaturgy, refer to [this blog from Amy Steele](#))

### **FAQ:**

**If I submit to Thespy Playwriting as a playwright, can I also apply to be a dramaturg?**

- Yes!

**What if I apply to be a dramaturg and am one of the selected playwrights from Thespy Playwriting to be part of the Playworks workshop experience?**

- If your play is selected as one of the finalists we will workshop at State Festival, you would not be able to fulfill the role as student dramaturg. You would focus on your role as playwright.