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for emerging and established Minnesota playwrights

submission deadline: **January 22, 2010**



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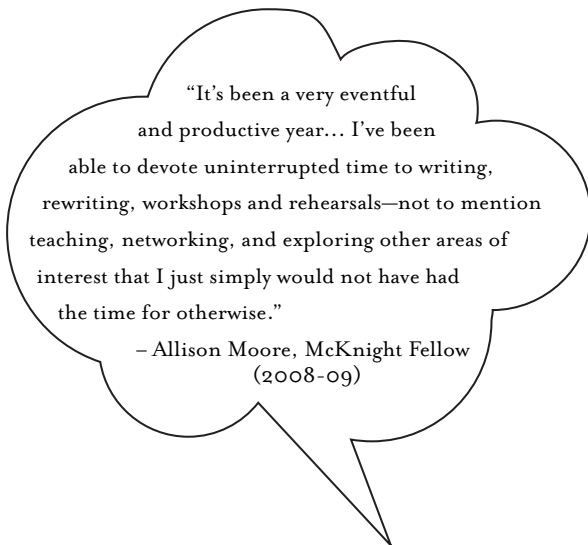
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The McKnight Advancement Grants recognize playwrights whose work demonstrates exceptional artistic merit and potential and whose primary residence is in the state of Minnesota.

Two grants of \$25,000 each will be awarded in 2010-11. These grants are funded by the Minneapolis-based McKnight Foundation as part of its Arts Program. The grants are intended to significantly advance recipients' art and careers, and additional funds of \$2,000 can be used to support a wide variety of expenses, including but not limited to artistic costs of residency at a theater or arts organization, travel, study, production, or presentation.

McKnight Advancement Grants have been awarded by the Center since 1990. Recipients include: Lisa D'Amour, Barbara

Field, Jeffrey Hatcher, Dominic Orlando, Carlyle Brown, Melanie Marnich, David Adjmi, and Kira Obolensky.



SELECTION

Applications will be screened by a national panel, whose decisions are final. Playwrights' Center staff does not participate in selection decisions. Selection is based on artistic excellence, professional achievement, and proposed residency plans, and is guided by The Playwrights' Center's mission statement.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must have been a resident of Minnesota since July 1, 2009, and must maintain residency in Minnesota during the fellowship year.
- Applicant must have a minimum of one work fully produced by a professional theater at the time of application. For the purposes of this application, "fully produced" is defined as a production for which the author and primary artists (actors, director, creative collaborators) were compensated, and which received at least three public performances. University, college, secondary school, amateur, and Equity showcase/waiver productions are not considered full productions.
- Applicant may not have received a McKnight Advancement Grant during 2007-08, 2008-09, or 2009-10.
- Applicant may not be a Playwrights' Center staff member.

CONDITIONS & REQUIREMENTS

- Grant recipients may not receive any other Playwrights' Center fellowships or grants during the grant year.
- Recipients are required to participate actively through volunteer opportunities and Center events during the grant year.
- No artist may receive more than \$50,000 in McKnight Foundation fellowship support in any three-year period.
- Applicants may only apply for one McKnight Foundation-sponsored fellowship per year, including playwriting and all other genres.

////////// TO APPLY //////////////////////////////////////

The McKnight Advancement Grant application process has two parts:

APPLICATION PACKET

Using the subject line “MAG 2010-11 Application” email to **info@pwcenter.org** a single document in PDF or Microsoft Word format, containing the following elements, arranged in this sequence:

- A cover sheet with the following information presented in clear format:
Name, Play Title, Home Phone, Other Phone, Email Address, & complete mailing Address
- A full-length play script with your name and the play title on the script’s cover page.
- A representative list (maximum two pages) of production credits, indicating whether productions were professional, nonprofessional, or academic; and listing name, address, and phone number of each producer/presenter. (Indicate which production(s) satisfy the eligibility requirement.)
- A list of fellowships, grants, prizes, and honors you have won, listing the most recent first. List award name, inclusive dates, and amount for each. Include any individual artist grants in any discipline you have received within the past two years that were funded by the McKnight Foundation.
- A brief (maximum two pages) autobiographical narrative of career history emphasizing artistic and professional accomplishments.
- A description of plans (maximum two pages) for the year with specific reference to active participation in the life of The Playwrights’ Center.

Name the application packet file with your last name:

[lastname].pdf (for PDF files)

[lastname].doc (for Word documents)

Example: Application Packet sent by applicant Jane Smith = Smith.pdf

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Two letters of professional recommendation should be sent via email (using the subject line “MAG Recommendation Letter”) to **info@pwcenter.org**. Letters should be sent directly from the person making the recommendation.

Name the letters of recommendation as follows:

[lastname]-RecLetter.pdf (for PDF files)

[lastname]-RecLetter.doc (for Word documents)

Example: letter sent in support of applicant Jane Smith = Smith-RecLetter.pdf

Receipt of application materials will be confirmed via email.

////////// DEADLINE & IMPORTANT DATES //////////////////////////////////////

- Applications must be received by January 22, 2010. Letters of recommendation also must be received by this date.
- Grant recipients will be announced in May 2010
- Grant period begins July 1, 2010, and expires on June 30, 2011. All grant requirements must be met during that time.

////////// CREATING A PDF //////////////////////////////////////

Portable Document Format (PDF) is a standard file format for sharing documents. Adobe Acrobat Standard and Professional editions can be used to create PDF documents. If you do not have Acrobat software, you may create a PDF in a number of other ways. Some examples:

Macintosh Users:

Mac OS X has built-in PDF creation capabilities. Look for the PDF button in the Print dialog box (available in all applications) and choose "Save as PDF."

Windows Users:

CutePDF Writer – Freeware for PDF creation. Learn more at www.cutepdf.com
TinyPDF - Freeware for PDF creation. Learn more at www.tinypdf.com

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE MICROSOFT WORD?

An alternative to Microsoft Office, OpenOffice.org is a free office productivity suite for word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, drawings, and more. Using OpenOffice you can save your files in a format that can be opened in Microsoft Word. Learn more at openoffice.org

////////// QUESTIONS //////////////////////////////////////

Questions? Contact the Playwrights' Center: 612-332-7481 ext.15
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