

FIVE GOOD REASONS TO SUPPORT YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS INC.

5. *Because* YPI is about self-expression and freedom of speech. It provides uncensored forums for young people's writing – support they may not have in their classrooms or communities.
4. *Because* YPI is unique. Although at least forty local and regional programs using the phrases “young playwrights” and “young playwrights festival” have sprung up around the country, Young Playwrights Inc. remains the only professional theater company in the United States dedicated solely to playwrights aged eighteen and younger.
3. *Because* education in the arts in the United States is seriously underfunded, and with its Write A Play! curriculum, YPI has created a model for teaching the arts that is used by major institutions across the country.
2. *Because* it's tax deductible.
1. *Because* Steve Sondheim says you should.

ELEVEN GOOD LEVELS AT WHICH TO SUPPORT YPI

(These are just suggestions – feel free to come up with your own!)

\$250 pays for the evaluation of 10 plays submitted to the National Playwriting Competition or the Write A Play! NYC contest, including the detailed critique that is sent to every young writer who sends us a play.

\$350 provides a one-hour introduction to playwriting to 35 students.

\$600 supports a young playwright for a week in NYC for the Writers Conference or rehearsals of the Young Playwrights Festival.

\$1,000 helps sustain the Advanced Playwriting Workshop and ensures that local kids get a shot at being the next Kenneth Lonergan or Keith Glover (both started at YPI 24 years ago!).

\$1,500 provides a full scholarship to the Urban Retreat, a summer camp for playwrights.

\$2,500 brings a WRITE A PLAY! Teacher Training Institute to the school or district of your choice. A great way to give back to your alma mater!

\$5,000 brings a Write A Play! Workshop to 100 students you know and love anywhere in the US (or sponsors a school that can't afford a workshop).

\$10,000 names you as the primary sponsor of the Writers Conference Readings. With this gift, you'll take credit for giving 8-12 exceptional writers their professional debuts in New York City.

\$20,000 offers you sponsorship of the WRITE A PLAY! NYC contest poster, which will be sent to each of the City's 1,600 public and independent schools. Your gift will be recognized by over 1,000,000 students and their teachers.

\$40,000 offers you primary sponsorship of the National Playwriting Competition. Your generosity will be acknowledged on the poster sent to over 50,000 schools - and by millions of students and teachers across the country!

\$75,000 is recognized as a leadership production grant for the next Young Playwrights Festival. You'll get title page credit - and revitalize the American theater.

ONE EASY WAY TO SUPPORT YPI

Print out page 2 of this document.
Make your check payable to Young Playwrights Inc.
Mail the form and your check to:

**Post Office Box 5134
New York NY 10185**

THANK YOU

THE BUCK STOPS HERE (ON ITS WAY TO YPI!)

If you would like to know more about Young Playwrights Inc. and its programs, please call us at (212) 594-5440.

*And remember,
contributions to YPI are tax-deductible
to the full extent of the law.*

- Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution in the amount of _____ in celebration of Young Playwrights Inc.'s 25th Anniversary.

- I care about the work that YPI does and I'd like to help you expand your base of support. To that end, I've enclosed the names and addresses of friends, family, and colleagues so that you can send fundraising letters using my name.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Email

Name to be listed in YPI material if different from above

Name/address of employer (for matching gift purposes)
