



10 MINUTE PLAYWRITING COMPETITION 2026 ENTRY FORM

I wish to enter my play entitled:

I confirm depositing a \$10 entry fee into Matamata Dramatic Society's bank account:

MATAMATA DRAMATIC SOCIETY: ASB 12-3438-0052757-00.

My PSEUDONYM for this play is: _____

NB: Different pseudonyms must be used if entering more than one play. You must not have used this / these pseudonyms at any other time.

NAME: (please print) _____

ADDRESS: (please print) _____

POSTCODE: _____ Ph: _____

EMAIL: _____

We will acknowledge receipt of your entry via email.

I hereby certify that this play is my own original work and has not:

- i. Used AI (Artificial Intelligence) in its creation.
- ii. Won any previous award
- iii. Been published
- iv. Been presented to a public audience, or
- v. Been workshopped by a recognised theatre company

It will not be promoted in any of these ways until after the results have been published.

I have read and agree to abide by the criteria as set out for this competition

Signed: Date:

The Society has the right to reject any entry that does not conform to the above criteria

Checklist:

- Each script has a TITLE and PSEUDONYM on the front page
- Pages are clearly numbered
- Script has been saved in pdf format
- A signed and dated entry form is attached for each entry
- Required fee of \$10 per entry has been paid into MDS bank account

Email script(s) in pdf form to: competition@mds.org.nz

Closing Date for entries: 31st January 2027 by 5pm

Results announced by 15th March 2027

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



ENTRY FORMS & CRITERIA:

These will be available on the MDS website www.mds.org.nz from October 2026

TIMELINE:

- November Opening Date for competition – November 1st
- January Closing date for applications to be received by 5pm 31st January
- March Finalists determined by 15th March

CRITERIA:

- The playwright must be a resident within MPDC district or a financial member of the Matamata Dramatic Society
- Entries must be entirely anonymous and submitted with a pseudonym
- Entries must be submitted via email in pdf format to competition@mds.org.nz
- Plays must be between 8-10 minutes when read aloud.
- Easy staging / set with minimum props which can be set up quickly
- Cast of between 2 and 6 characters
- Up to 2 plays may be submitted
- Play must be own work (no use of AI),
- Play has not won other competitions and has not been presented or workshopped previously
- MDS are looking to present 6 distinctly different plays to produce.

FORMATTING OF SCRIPT:

- Typed in 12pt standard font. E.g. Apteos, Arial, Times New Roman or Calibri.
- Setting out of script:
 - Normal use of capitals as part of script.
 - Characters Name on left.
 - Speech indented after Character's name
 - Directions in italics – separated from text.
 - Check punctuation, spelling and grammar as this helps with the reading and meaning of the script.

JUDGING:

- An independent adjudicator has been appointed by Matamata Dramatic Society to judge the competition.
- The adjudicator will provide written feedback on the plays related to style, plot, format, dialogue, characterisation, creativity and overall impact
- The adjudicator / judge is changed / alternated for each competition.

RESULTS:

- Finalists will be determined by 15th March.
- The adjudicator / judge notifies the Co-ordinator of the winning entries.
- Adjudicator / judge forwards feedback forms for each play to the Co-ordinator

PRIZES:

- a) The top six plays will be performed at the Little Theatre in mid-2027.
- b) Winning Play - \$200
- c) B) Five runner-up plays - \$100 each