

I want to be a . . . Playwright

Initial Career Steps:

- Become an expert on playwriting. Familiarize yourself with the work of other playwrights. Which theatres produce the types of plays you like the write? Read through two or three scripts in the same genre as you intend to write.
- Volunteer at a theatre. It will help you gain access to the theatrical community at large and perhaps put you in contact with playwrights, actors or other professional in the field that may be interested in your work.
- Join a playwrights group. Go to readings. Write a blog, start commenting on other writer's blogs. Make yourself known in the community.
- Submit your work to places requesting entries. Make yourself known to the theatres in your city.
- Get your plays out into the world. Submit to companies (the ones you've done your research on) or organize a playwriting workshop with other playwrights. Invite peers from the industry and ask for creative feedback from people who understand the format of plays and theater.

Local Resources:



--ScriptWorks-Collective Support for Playwrights:
<http://www.scriptworks.org>

--Texas Dramatists
<http://www3.tjc.edu/theatre/td/index.htm>

--Texas Nonprofit Theatres:
<http://www.texastheatres.org/>