



## **Mustapha Matura Award and** **Mentoring Programme 2026**

Script Submission 2026

### **Submissions open on 1st April 2026**

Thank you for your interest in submitting your play to the Mustapha Matura Award and Mentoring Programme 2026!

Please note that submissions should not be anonymous.

You may use a pseudonym if you wish – we just need a valid email address so that we can contact you, and your real name on file, that only the Producer will have access to.

When you've filled out this form, please put your name in the file name and email it – along with a copy of your script, statement (100 words), and writing CV – to:

[info@alfredfagonaward.co.uk](mailto:info@alfredfagonaward.co.uk).

If you have any further issues, or would prefer to submit in another way, such as via mp3, along with a text transcript, feel free to email us beforehand.

## Award Eligibility and Criteria for Entry

The winning writer will receive £3,000 and a 9-month mentoring programme with a leading Black British playwright.

The competition is open to any playwright of Caribbean or African descent, resident in the UK, and awarded to the Most Promising Playwright based on their submission of an original, new stage play in English and their application for the award. Entrants must confirm on their CV that they are of African or Caribbean descent.

Entrants must be 25 years or under at the time of submission. The AFA reserves the right to disqualify any entry that does not meet the age criteria at the time of submission.

The play does not need to have been produced. However, if it has, only plays produced since August 2025 will be considered.

Each entrant can submit only one play. A play may also be nominated by a third party with the writer's consent (e.g. via an agent).

Plays must be typed, full length and presented as double-spaced, single-sided, in Times New Roman, font 12pt and be a minimum of 40 pages and submitted as a .doc file or .pdf file (Word or PDF). Manuscripts cannot be altered after entry.

Television, radio plays and film scripts **will not** be considered.

**Entries are online only and must be received not later than 5pm on Friday 31 July 2026.**

All applicants will be notified by email of their entry's safe arrival. No correspondence will be entered into between the judges and applicants.

Only shortlisted writers will be contacted in November 2026.

The writer of the winning play will be announced at The Alfred Fagon Award – date to be announced.

The Mustapha Matura Award is supported by the Estate of Mustapha Matura, Garrick Charitable Trust, The Henry and Mary Kent Trust and many individual donors.

An entrant to the Mustapha Matura Award who wins the Alfred Fagon Award for Best New Play of the Year will not be eligible to be awarded the Mustapha Matura Award and Mentoring Programme in the same year.

To enter the Mustapha Matura Award and Mentoring Programme fill out the online submission form below.

## **Section A: Your details and submission**

Please give us your name and contact details.

If your play is written by more than one person, please:

- Give all writers' names, separated by commas
- Provide the email address and mobile number of the first named writer– they'll be who we contact

**Name \***

Type your name here

**Email Address \***

Type your email address here

**Address \***

Type your address here

Mobile number \*

Type your number here

Title of your play \*

Type your answer here

Please confirm your DoB  
and that you are 25 or  
under upon submission\*

Type your answer here

Please confirm you are of  
Carribean or African  
descent.\*

Please confirm here:

## **That's it!**

You've got to the end of the form, and can now email it to us along with your play, statement (100 words), and CV.

If you have any questions, queries or comments about the submission process, please feel free to email any time at [info@alfredfagonaward.co.uk](mailto:info@alfredfagonaward.co.uk).

Now all that's left to say is... good luck!

And thank you for sharing your work with us. We can't wait to read it.