* The competition will be open to all Vassar College students who are sophomores, juniors or seniors from any major campuswide.
* Students may submit original and new works; a full-length stage play, two one-act plays, or a musical theater work. Only original works may be submitted. Collaborative works will be acceptable. Screenplays are not eligible.
* Students may not submit a project that has been previously awarded by this fund or previously presented in front of an audience.
* The announcement of the winning play will be made on **Monday, February 23, 2026**
* The author of the winning play will receive an award of $1,000.00, a staged reading for family and friends and reception. In the case of collaborative works, the cash award will be split among the co-authors. The scheduled date of the presentation will be **April 25 and 26, 2026 at 2pm**
* A committee consisting of various Vassar College faculty will read, evaluate the submissions and determine a winner.
* Entry & Guidelines (updated)
  + **Two submissions are due by January 19, 2026**
  + ONE PDF OF THE SCRIPT WITH THE FULL NAME AND TITLE the play and contact phone number
  + ONE PDF OF THE SCRIPT ANONYMOUS AND THE TITLE of the play and contact phone number.
* All scripts are read anonymously.
* Questions concerning the *Marilyn Swartz Seven* Playwriting Award should be addressed to [jogerardi@vassar.edu](mailto:jogerardi@vassar.edu) or [rfritzgrabowska@vassar.edu](mailto:rfritzgrabowska@vassar.edu) or [pgil@vassar.edu](mailto:pgil@vassar.edu).