

# Theater intensive brings aspiring young playwrights into the process

Gulfshore Playhouse offers aspiring playwrights between the ages of 13 and 18 an opportunity to create an original work and have it performed in a public reading by professional actors. The STARwrights program is a behind-the-scenes professional theater intensive where students work with Gulfshore Playhouse staff and guest artists to develop their writing skills, create a short play and attend Gulfshore Playhouse productions, panel discussions and opening night parties.

STARwrights provides interaction with professional playwrights

during Gulfshore Playhouse's annual New Works Festival in September and includes a public reading of student works by professional actors in early February next year.

The STARwrights program runs September through May at The Norris Center. The application deadline is Aug. 31. Need-based scholarships are available to help cover the \$500 tuition.

Applications are online at [www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org](http://www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org). For more information, call Hester Kamin, director of education, at 261-7529, ext. 207, or email [HKamin@gulfshoreplayhouse.org](mailto:HKamin@gulfshoreplayhouse.org). ■