**AlterLab for Youth**

“*imagine a world without police*” -- *The Movement for Black Lives*

Goal for program: Support the creative growth of 4 to 6 young playwrights as each playwright writes a new play and supports other young playwrights’ work, in a Lab setting facilitated by a BIPOC alum of AlterTheater’s AlterLab program. Program will also include guest visits by AlterLab playwrights and other BIPOC playwrights.

**Requirements:**

Interest in a professional career as a playwright or screenwriter;

Must have graduated from high school, college (2 year or 4 year program), or graduate school within the past 2 years, or be a currently enrolled student

AND at least one of the following:

- 1 dramatic writing class at the college level (Intro to Playwriting, screenwriting)
- 2 spoken word performances of at least 10 minutes
- have one original play produced by a college theater or a festival reading
- video sample of a performance piece you created, with a program that acknowledges your credit

Optional (recommended but not required): Letter of recommendation from either writing instructors or theatre professionals

**Program:**

Over the course of 3 months, write a one-act play. Support your fellow writers as they each write a one-act play. Learn about being a professional playwright, and develop relationships that can support you on your professional journey. Students receive a $50 stipend on the first day of the Lab and $200 stipend when they hand in their finished draft at the end of the Lab.

Playwrights will meet for 12 weeks once a week. Ideally, playwrights will participate via Zoom.

**To apply:**
--submit 2 pieces of dramatic writing (one may be a video of a spoken word or other performance of your writing) in English or Spanish

--a one-paragraph statement of your career goals/hopes/wishes

—to find out why we are the best fit for you, a one-paragraph statement about how AlterLab can help you meet those goals

--one obstacle you’ve had to overcome so far in your journey to be a writer

--Apply here: https://forms.gle/4E3oEeG9EQzBbvvt6