



# Commentary

## On-Site Contest 2019

**Date:** Friday 3/29/19

**Assignment Desk:** 8:30am

**Edit Time:** 11:00am

Editors must report to the Edit Room by 11:15am

**Deadline:** 2:00pm

### CONTEST OBJECTIVE & RULES

- Produce an editorial segment designed to persuade an audience.
- Production: Shoot 3 Hours / Edit 2 Hours
- High School: 1 team of up to 4 students. Only 2 team members may be designated editors.
- Total running time should not exceed 90 seconds.
- Only approved royalty-free music is allowed.
- Only effects and graphics created during the contest period may be used.
- You must report to the edit room at the assigned time, with your editing equipment.
- You may not set up your equipment in the edit room before the assigned edit time.
- Please refer to the Edit Room Rules & Procedures document on the STN Website.
- You may not receive assistance on your entry from an outside party. No teacher support.

### JUDGING & EVALUATION

Judges will look for conversational and professionally written commentaries that make a convincing argument. Segments should provide insight and any visuals must be compelling. On-camera performance and the overall impact of the piece will be the major criteria in the evaluation process.

Judges will focus on the following criteria:

- ★ Camera Presence
- ★ Look/Style
- ★ Enunciation/Inflection
- ★ Storytelling/Script
- ★ Accuracy/Credibility
- ★ Integrity/Courage
- ★ Segue/Transitions
- ★ Creativity
- ★ Closeness to the topic
- ★ Followed Directions

### CONTEST PROCEDURES

- Report to the Assignment Desk to receive your contest materials and instructions.
- Record visuals, sound, etc.
- Report to the edit room wearing a wristband.
- Edit in the Edit Room supervised by STN.

### EXTRA ATTENTION

**NOTE:** Close your segment with "For Student Television Network, I'm [your name]." Do not use your school or program name! In order to avoid confusion about teachers assisting students during a contest, adults may NOT be actors/extras in your entry.

### SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY

- Copy your entry to the flashdrive provided.
- Name your entry file using your contest ID # (Found on the contest pouch).
- Place the flashdrive back into the contest pouch and return it to the Contest Booth before the posted deadline.
- No entries will be accepted after the deadline.

### QUESTIONS?

- Read this contest description thoroughly.
- Review all of the STN Contest FAQ's on the STN Convention webpage.
- Visit the Contest Booth any time during the contest operating hours.
- Email all of your contest questions to: [contests@studenttelevision.com](mailto:contests@studenttelevision.com)

\* This is an on-site contest. You must remain within the contest map restriction until you have completed your entry.