



Short Documentary

Crazy 8s Contest 2020

Date: Thursday, 3/12/20
Pick Up: 7:30 am
Production Time: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Deadline: 4:00 pm

CONTEST OBJECTIVE & RULES

- Produce a short documentary based on a given topic.
- Production: 8 hours
- High school 1 team of unlimited participants.
- Entries cannot exceed 5 minutes.
- Teams may go anywhere in the Washington DC area to produce an entry, there are no boundaries.
- 100% of all video footage contained in an entry must be shot during contest period.
- Lower-thirds titles and other effects created during the contest period may be used.
- Only royalty free or original music may be used in an entry.
- Schools may use their previously produced opens and graphics that are part of their regularly produced program.
- Adviser may participate in creating an entry.

JUDGING & EVALUATION

The judges will be looking for documentaries that make a strong connection to the title. Entries should get the viewer's attention and keep it. Beginning, middle, end, and overall pacing are very important

Evaluations will focus on the following criteria:

- ★ Camera/Direction
- ★ Lighting
- ★ Audio/Sound/Music
- ★ Editing
- ★ Storytelling/Content
- ★ Integrity/Courage
- ★ Accuracy/Credibility
- ★ Creativity
- ★ Closeness to Topic
- ★ Followed Directions

CONTEST PROCEDURES

- Review the topic on social media
- Pick up the contest materials from the Assignment Desk.
- Plan, record and edit production.

EXTRA ATTENTION

NOTE: Entries may be edited anywhere EXCEPT your home school facilities (DC area schools). Editing space and table rentals are available from STN for an additional charge.

SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY

- Copy your entry to the flashdrive.
- Name your entry file using your contest ID # (Found on the contest pouch)
- Put the flashdrive into the pouch and turn it into the Contest Booth before deadline.
- Entries past deadline, will be disqualified for competition. If time allows, we may offer judge feedback.

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