



VIRTUAL – TV/Video Production Competition - (MD)

This year's virtual SkillsUSA competition will be conducted as closely to the live event as possible. The only difference is that we will be communicating via the internet rather than in person. As always, we are very excited to see the incredible talent in your work!

I. APPS NEEDED

1. **Zoom:** All contest communications will be conducted using the Zoom app.
2. **Kahoot:** While on Zoom, students will take a 50 question Knowledge Test using the Kahoot platform. Please familiarize your students with the app.
3. **DropBox:** All required contest materials will be uploaded to a dedicated shared folder. Once we receive your official email, a folder link will be emailed to you.

II. DATES & TIMES

Event	Date	Time
Prompt Release Date	Thursday April 15, 2021	4pm EST
Film Upload DEADLINE (Dropbox)	Friday April 16, 2021	4pm EST
Contestant Meeting (Zoom)	Thursday April 15, 2021	4pm EST

NOTE: Students will receive an emailed Zoom meeting invite for the START of the competition. All of the required materials need to be uploaded by the DEADLINE.

III. CONTEST OVERVIEW

On the Zoom meeting, the contest chair will give a clear overview of the contest guidelines, then begin the competition by administering Part 1: Knowledge Test. After the test, the students will receive a Dropbox upload link to upload all required materials.

Part 1: Knowledge Test (150 Points) – Zoom and Kahoot

Students will be tested on a wide variety of topics. Questions include:

- basic camera settings (i.e. white balance, ISO, shutter speeds, apertures, etc...)
- lighting equipment and techniques
- frame rates
- aspect ratios
- resolutions
- audio settings & equipment
- Stabilizers and camera movements
- Types of Shots
- Basic editing techniques (i.e. cuts, color grading, output)

Part 2: Video Presentation (850 points)

- Video output to H.264 (.mp4)
- Films must be shot & exported in 30fps
- Slo-motion scenes can be shot at higher frame rates
- Aspect Ratio: Your choice (16:9)
- Resolution: 1080p (shooting 4k acceptable, but export must be 1080p.
- 2 second leader of black video
- 5 second title slide using white font with with contestant number ONLY on black video
- PG Rated. No showing of physical violence (implied violence ok), No sexual content, No foul language, No use of illegal drugs or alcohol. Ultimately follow your school's policy and do NOT get your instructor in hot water!!!
- All content must be original and created within the given time frame. The use of copyright material, stock footage or template effects in NOT allowed.
- Film/Video instructors are prohibited from assisting or acting in your production in ANY way.
- No end credits

IV. UPLOAD FOLDER (Dropbox)

Each student's shared Dropbox folder should contain the following items PRIOR to the DEADLINE date & time listed above:

- Final Edited Video File named "TV-Video-(your *contestant #*)" (i.e. "TV-Video-001")
- Permissions folder - this should contain all licence agreements for Royalty-Free content. All documentation should also be in (.pdf) form.

V. CONTESTANT REQUIRED ITEMS

- Computer with your choice of video editor installed.
- Digital video camera
- Memory cards & extra batteries (Fully Charged!)
- Audio recording device
- Full Cover Headphones
- Memory cards & extra batteries (Fully Charged!)
- Microphones and Cables

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