



2009 STN Spring Nationals Guidelines and Rules

Entries in the 2009 Spring Nationals must have been produced and aired between October 22, 2008 and April 10, 2009. For the purposes of this contest, "aired" means broadcast or cablecast, or shared with an audience of students or presented to the community via closed circuit or other playback device.

Entries may be submitted on Mini-DV or VHS tape but Mini-DV is preferred. (Please note that winning schools who submit a VHS will be asked to submit their winning entry on Mini-DV for STN.) Schools may submit only one entry in each category and up to 5 student names. Segments entered in the 2008 Fall Nationals or produced at the 2009 STN Affiliates Convention, are not eligible for this contest. Submissions on DVD will NOT be accepted.

Tape labels must have the entry number assigned by the web-based system, the contest category, and the name of the school and state.

Example:

S0901-244

Live Daily Show

My High School, California

The entry form presented by the electronic system must be included in the contest packet that contains the tapes and your check or money order.

All entries are \$10 per entry.

Ship tapes, entry form, and checks or money orders to:

STUDENT TELEVISION NETWORK

2009 STN Spring Nationals – [contest category]

2768 Loker Avenue West

Carlsbad, CA 92010

Make checks payable to: Student Television Network, Inc.

Postmark Deadline: April 10, 2009.



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HIGH SCHOOL CATEGORIES

S0901 - Animation

Original animation, 3 minutes max

S0902 - Announcements/Daily News Shows

Full or continuous segment of one daily announcement/news show. 10 min. max, as it originally aired—no compilation shows

S0903 – Bi-Monthly News Show

Send one show as it originally aired—no compilation shows— not less than ten minutes, not longer than 30 minutes Music Video.

S0904 - Commercial

30 or 60 seconds, original material to promote or advertise a particular product, service, event or entity.

S0905- Daily Taped or Edited Show

An entry consists of a student-produced news program or opening segment of a longer news program, which may be taped and edited. Includes anchors, and at least one remote. This must not be shorter than five minutes and no longer than 15 minutes.

S0906 - Daily Live Show

An entry consists of a student-produced news program or opening segment of a longer news program, which was taped live as it went out, includes live anchors, and at least one remote. This must not be shorter than five minutes and no longer than 15 minutes.

S0907 - Documentary

10 minutes max. Full production or continuous segment of an investigative or informative documentary video.

S0908 - Human Interest/Feature Story

3 minutes max. This is a non-fiction category.

S0909 - Humorous Production

3:00 max. Any parody, satire, original scene, etc. designed to entertain or evoke laughter.

S0910 - Monthly Show

Send one show as it originally aired—no compilation shows— not less than ten minutes, not longer than 30 minutes.

S0911 Music Video

Any original or rights-cleared music per STN "Use of Copyrighted Materials" policy, original video, 5 minutes max

S0912 - News Story

2:30 minutes max

S0913 - Original Short Film

Fiction or non-fiction, humorous or dramatic. Original or public domain scripts. All video must be original, 5 minutes max

S0914 - PSA or Promo

30 or 60 seconds, all original material intended to educate, inform, or persuade a target audience.

S0915 - Show Opening

Student-produced opening for any show, 45 seconds max

S0916 - Sports Event-Live Coverage

5 minute min, 10 minute max segment of unedited continuous coverage. Must 100% student-produced, including all camerawork, announce & commentary.

S0917 - Sports Feature Story

3 minutes max. Non-fiction. Focuses on sports-related topic. Not included in live sports.

S0918 - Sports News Story

2 minutes max

S0919 - Weekly Show

An entry consists of a student-produced news program or opening segment of a longer news program, not shorter than five minutes and no longer than 15 minutes in length.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CATEGORIES

S0920M - Commercial

30 or 60 seconds, original material to promote or advertise a particular product, service, event or entity.

S0921M - Human Interest/Feature, News or Sports Story

3 minutes max. Non-fiction.

S0922M - Music Video

Any original or rights-cleared music per STN "Use of Copyrighted Materials" policy, original video, 5 minutes max

S0923M – Daily, Weekly, Bi-Monthly or Monthly Show

An entry consists of a student-produced news program or opening segment of a longer news program, not shorter than five minutes and no longer than 15 minutes in length. Daily, Weekly and Monthly will be judged together with no consideration for the length of production time.

S0924M - PSA or Promo

30 or 60 seconds, all original material intended to educate, inform, or persuade a target audience.



Use of Copyrighted Materials in Student Television Network Activities

The Student Television Network and its affiliates support and comply with United States copyright laws. It is the responsibility of every STN affiliate to ensure compliance.

1. In all STN sanctioned activities (including but not limited to contest submissions, on-site contests, and materials submitted for critique) participating schools shall certify that all audio and visual material they submit is fully the creation of the school submitting the work, or that written permission has been secured from the copyright holder to use the material in this instance, or is believed to fall under the "fair-use" portion of copyright law.

a. Licenses must include permission to incorporate the work into the entry; to reproduce and distribute copies of that entry; and to permit the entry to be displayed to audiences. Licenses without that permission will be ineffective.

b. Submissions claiming a "fair use" of the underlying work should additionally be accompanied by acknowledgement that the participants have reviewed the information provided to Student Television Network by the Student Press Law Center, (available online at http://studenttelevision.com/SPLC_Music_Guidelines.pdf) and believe that copyrighted materials used in the production of this submission fall under the "Fair Use" portion of copyright law.

The Student Press Law Center will be happy to provide help or clarification at no charge. Call them at 703-807-1904.

c. All materials submitted must be accompanied by a statement from the teacher/adviser certifying copyright compliance (normally on the entry form).

2 A copy of "Copyrighted Music in High School News Broadcasts" from Student Press Law Center shall be included with STN contest information. These guidelines shall apply to all STN-sanctioned activities.