



C-SPAN Announces Annual StudentCam Documentary Competition

Student documentarians become changemakers in this year's competition:
If you were a newly elected member of Congress, which issue would you address and why?

Awarding \$100,000 in cash prizes

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7, 2022 — C-SPAN's StudentCam returns for its 19th year continuing to engage students across the country in an authentic project-based learning experience. This year's theme — **"If you were a newly elected member of Congress, which issue would be your first priority and why?"** — asks students to explore an issue that impacts them and consider how to address the topic through multiple perspectives. C-SPAN and its cable and satellite television partners invite middle and high school student filmmakers of all levels to enter the documentary contest, which awards \$100,000 in cash prizes.

The C-SPAN Education Foundation awards 150 student and 53 teacher prizes. The grand-prize winner will receive \$5,000, and multiple cash prizes of \$3,000, \$1,500, \$750 and \$250 will be awarded to students in first, second and third places and honorable mention categories.

"With the midterm elections occurring this fall, we're asking students to envision themselves in a position of power to make the change they want to see in this country," said Craig McAndrew, director of C-SPAN Education Relations. "Our hope is that students will explore an issue that is important to them and their community and tie it to national interests."

Competition Guidelines

- Middle school students (grades 6-8) and high school students (grades 9-12) may compete individually or in teams consisting of two or three members. Documentaries must be the original work of students; however, teachers may provide guidance and critiques.
- All documentaries must include C-SPAN video clips that support the chosen topic and are used effectively.
- StudentCam documentaries should comprehensively represent a variety of viewpoints related to the chosen topic, including those that may oppose the filmmakers' points of view.
- Documentaries must be between **5 and 6 minutes** in length.

- Entries must include sources, either in the end credits or an emailed works cited list.
- Video submissions and entry forms can be uploaded directly online at www.studentcam.org.
- The deadline for students to submit entries is midnight PST, **Friday, Jan. 20, 2023**.

The documentaries will be judged by a panel of C-SPAN representatives. Middle school students will be judged on a national basis. High school students will compete on a regional level, with the U.S. divided into three regions: West, Central and East. The grand-prize winner with the best overall entry will be selected nationally from both middle and high school entries.

Winners will be announced in March 2023, with the top winning videos to air on C-SPAN in April 2023. Competition details are available at www.studentcam.org.

Students and teachers can stay up to date with StudentCam on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) @studentcam and [Instagram](#) @cspanstudentcam.

About C-SPAN Classroom:

C-SPAN Classroom uses the network's programs on public affairs, coverage of Congress, nonfiction books and American history to create FREE digital tools for teachers, students, and the public to use in classrooms, in projects or for research. C-SPAN Classroom's website provides social studies teachers with access to thousands of free resources, including short current events videos, Lesson Plans and Bell Ringers, plus Constitution Clips and On This Day in History events. The education team also hosts the biweekly [C-SPAN in the Classroom Podcast](#), available on the [C-SPAN Now app](#) or wherever you listen to podcasts. Engage with [C-SPAN Classroom](#) on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

About C-SPAN:

C-SPAN, the public affairs network providing Americans with unfiltered access to congressional proceedings, was created in 1979 as a public service by the cable television industry and is now funded through fees paid by cable and satellite companies that provide C-SPAN programming. C-SPAN connects with millions of Americans through its three commercial-free TV networks, C-SPAN Radio, [C-SPAN Podcasts](#), the [C-SPAN Now app](#), [C-SPAN.org](#) and various social media platforms. The network's video-rich website contains over 270,000 hours of searchable and shareable content. Engage with C-SPAN on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#), and stay connected through weekly and daily [newsletters](#).

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