

C-SPAN's STUDENTCAM 2017

C-SPAN Announces 2017 StudentCam Documentary Contest

Awarding \$100K in Cash Prizes to Winning Participants Nationwide

WASHINGTON, September 14, 2016 -- C-SPAN is calling for entries in its 2017 StudentCam competition. Now in its thirteenth year, C-SPAN's national contest invites all middle school students (grades 6-8) and high school students (grades 9-12) to produce a short documentary using C-SPAN programming and showing different points of view.

This year, students are being challenged to produce a documentary that focuses on the topic:

"Your Message to Washington:

What is the most urgent issue for the new president and Congress to address in 2017?"

The deadline for students to submit entries is Inauguration Day, Friday, January 20, 2017.

The C-SPAN Education Foundation awards 150 student and 53 teacher prizes, totaling \$100,000 in cash. The grand prize winner, with the best overall entry, will be awarded \$5,000. Multiple cash prizes of \$3,000, \$1,500, \$750, \$500, and \$250 will be awarded to students in first, second, third, and honorable mention categories.

High school students will be competing on a regional level with the U.S. divided into three regions. Middle school students will be judged on a national basis. The specific breakdown of regions and rules can be found at www.studentcam.org.

"StudentCam is a great opportunity for youth to creatively express their ideas and think critically about issues affecting our country," said Craig McAndrew, C-SPAN Education Relations Manager. "Last year, nearly 6,000 students from 45 states made their voices heard. This year, we look forward to hearing from even more talented young people as we welcome a new president and Congress."

Video and images of the competition are available on our website in the [StudentCam 2017 Press Kit](#).

Competition Guidelines

- Students may compete individually, or in teams of either 2 or 3 members. Documentaries must be the original work of students; however, teachers may provide guidance and critiques.
- All documentaries must include supporting C-SPAN video that relates to the chosen topic.

- Winning StudentCam documentaries will thoroughly represent a variety of viewpoints related to the chosen topic, including those that may oppose the filmmakers' points of view.
- Documentaries must be between 5-7 minutes in length. *End credits, if applicable, are permitted to run longer than the allotted 7 minute time frame.
- Entries must include sources, either end credits or an emailed works cited list.
- Video submissions and entry forms can be uploaded directly online at www.studentcam.org.
- Deadline for students to submit entries is Inauguration Day, Friday, January 20, 2017.

The documentaries will be judged by a panel of C-SPAN representatives and educators. Videos will be evaluated on the complete exploration of the chosen topic, its relation to the contest's theme, quality of expression and creativity, inclusion of topically relevant C-SPAN programming, and the inclusion of varying points of view related to the topic.

Winners will be announced in March 2017, with the top winning videos to air on C-SPAN in April 2017. Competition details and the entry form are available at www.studentcam.org.

About C-SPAN Classroom:

C-SPAN Classroom is a free membership service dedicated to supporting educators' use of C-SPAN programming and websites in their classes or for research. Members of C-SPAN Classroom may access free Timely Teachable Videos and video clips for use in the classroom, as well as lesson plans, handouts and ways to connect with other C-SPAN Classroom members. C-SPAN Classroom has reached more than one million students since its inception in 1987. For more information on C-SPAN Classroom visit the website: <http://www.c-spanclassroom.org/> or follow on twitter: [@CSPAN_Classroom](https://twitter.com/CSPAN_Classroom).

About C-SPAN:

Created by the cable TV industry and now in nearly 100 million TV households, C-SPAN programs three public affairs television networks in both SD and HD; C-SPAN Radio, heard in Washington DC at 90.1 FM and available as an App (Android, iPhone, Blackberry); and a video- rich website offering live coverage of government events and access to the vast archive of C-SPAN programming. Visit <https://www.c-span.org/>.

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