2024 Student Documentary Competition

C-SPAN
STUDENTCAM
20 YEARS

”Looking Forward while Considering the Past”

Enter this year’s competition.
studentcam.org

Grades: 6-12
Deadline: Jan. 19, 2024

$100K in prizes!
Dear Educator:

This year marks the 20th anniversary of C-SPAN’s annual StudentCam competition, and we are excited to invite you and your students to participate! StudentCam is an amateur film contest that asks middle and high school students to explore and research issues that are important to them through the production of a short documentary.

Provide your students with a platform to voice their opinions with an audience of peers, professionals, community members, and elected officials! To coincide with our 20th year of the competition, this year’s theme of “Looking Forward while Considering the Past” asks students to consider either of the two prompts:

**Looking Forward while Considering the Past**

A) In the next 20 years, what is the most important change that you would like to see in America?
Detail a specific issue that is important to you and the evolution of related policies, laws, and actions that you want to see in the future.

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B) Over the past 20 years, what has been the most important change in America?
Examine a specific law, event, or invention, explain its impact and why you consider it important.

Whether assigned as an in-class project, for extra credit, or completed as a self-directed activity by your students, StudentCam offers participants an opportunity to build networking and leadership skills, think critically, and be heard nationally. **Plus, we award $100,000 in cash prizes to students and teachers every year!**

In a 5- to 6-minute video, we ask students to consider the varying ideas of their chosen issue and explain why it is important to them. We strongly encourage participants to incorporate varying points of view, such as interviews with experts and elected officials, and include relevant clips from C-SPAN’s Video Library.

To help support your students through the process, we have developed tutorials, lessons, and numerous other resources available at StudentCam.org. Entry forms and completed videos must be submitted online by January 19, 2024. Reach out to us with questions anytime at educate@c-span.org.

Thank you for engaging your students with C-SPAN’s StudentCam. We can’t wait to see their documentaries and learn more about the issues and concerns that are on the minds of this generation.

Sincerely,

Craig McAndrew,
Director, Education Relations

P.S. We hope you can place this poster in a highly visible area of your classroom. You can also visit us online at www.studentcam.org, where you’ll find a version of this poster to share online along with all the information you and your students need to get started on StudentCam.