Category Descriptions and Entry Codes

Please read the category descriptions below before submitting an entry. The descriptions provide examples, but do not include every program type that might be appropriate in a particular category. The category entry codes are in brackets [ ]. All-new categories and categories that have been modified from previous years are in dark red font. A description of the intended audience and production goals/objectives is strongly recommended for creative entry categories which are indicated with a double star (★★). Duplicate entries may not win in more than one category of the competition.

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#212 Audio Station Imaging
Brief production elements that identify a station (on-air or online) in 15 seconds or less

#142 Audio Promos
Promotional announcement (no more than 60 seconds in length) produced for a station, website, or other client. (Does not include Station Imaging, sweepers or stingers – see category 141).

#143 Audio PSAs
Public service announcement (no more than 60 seconds in length) produced for a non-profit client and run on a station or website as a community service. The objective of a PSA is to provide information, education and awareness.

#144 Audio Commercials
Commercial produced for a client (no more than 60 seconds in length) produced for a client and run as a community service on a station or website. Intended to sell a client’s product or service or promote a corporate brand.

#161 Podcast
Episodic audio recordings distributed via a syndicated feed on the Internet. Recordings can be up to 2 hours in length. All entries in this category must be produced and distributed only as podcasts and cannot be material broadcast or disseminated through any other medium.

#201 Video News Package
Shorter (under 2 minutes) hard news or spot news packages that would play in a newscast

#202 Video News Segment
Longer (more than 2 minutes) hard news or spot news segments that would play in a newscast

#203 Video Feature Package
Shorter (under 2 minutes) soft news or feature packages that would play in a magazine program

#204 Video Feature Segment
Longer (more than 2 minutes) soft news or feature segments that would play in a magazine program

#205 Video Newscast (Live)
Full-length programs that include newscasters, packages and/or segments which were originally presented live or recorded live for later presentation (NO POST PRODUCTION).

#206 Video Newscast (Pre-recorded)
Full-length programs that include newscasters, packages and/or segments which were recorded with post-production allowed for later presentation.

#208 Video Public Affairs/Interview Segment or Program
Hosted interview or panel discussion (programs or segment) on a current, newsworthy topic

#210 Video Magazine Program
Full-length program that include hosts and packages and/or segments

#212 Video Documentary Program
Full-length programs that incorporate such things as narration, sound bites, actualities, file footage, etc.

#215 Video Instructional/Corporate/Promotional
Full-length video productions (complete programs) that teach, train, and/or promote a service or organization. (Commercials & PSA’s will not be accepted in this category.) Entries would include but not be limited to: educational training sessions, university recruiting videos, sports informational/entertainment pieces on teams and individuals (not intended for traditional broadcast), corporate profiles, product promotional/sales pieces, etc.

#221 Video Sports Package
Shorter (under 2 minutes) sports packages that would play a sportscast or sports program.

#222 Video Sports Segment
Longer (more than 2 minutes) entries that would play during a sports or magazine program.
[223] **Video Sports Program**
Pre-game or post-game programs (originally presented live or recorded) or a stand-alone sports program with packages or segments.

[231] **Video Drama Program**
Video entries produced from original scripts or adapted from existing scripts for a dramatic program, which includes biographical, fiction, science-fiction, fantasy, horror, and vampire genre.

[232] **Video Comedy Segment**
Segments from comedy programs, stand-up comedy segments and/or segments produced for web content (i.e. short skits, viral videos, etc).

[233] **Video Comedy Program**
Full length sitcom-type comedy program or program composed of comedy segments.

[234] **Music Video**
Originally produced videos to original or previously released music. COPYRIGHT PERMISSION MUST BE PROVIDED FOR USE OF ANY UNLICENSED MUSIC.

[235] **Video Studio or Live Performance Segment**
Musical performances recorded live in studio or on location with minimal post-production. COPYRIGHT PERMISSION MUST BE PROVIDED FOR USE OF ANY UNLICENSED MUSIC.

[236] **Video Entertainment and/or Music Program**
Hosted full-length programs with an emphasis on entertainment segments, interview topics, and/or recordings of concert performances or studio sessions, or programs featuring live performances. (BUT NOT INDIVIDUAL STUDIO PERFORMANCES OR MUSIC VIDEOS – See categories 235 and 234) COPYRIGHT PERMISSION MUST BE PROVIDED FOR USE OF ANY UNLICENSED MUSIC.

[241] **Video Program Opener**
Program openers featuring post-production editing and graphics skills

[242] **Video Promos**
Promotional announcement (no more than 60 seconds in length) produced for a station, website, or other client.

[243] **Video PSAs**
Public service announcement (no more than 60 seconds in length) produced for a non-profit client and run as a community service on a station or website. The objective of a PSA is to provide information, education and awareness.

[244] **Video Commercials**
Commercial (no more than 60 seconds in length) produced for a client and run as a community service on a station or website. Intended to sell a client’s product or service or promote a corporate brand.

[251] **Short Film**
Narrative, scripted projects 20 minutes and under. (Category entries may not win in more than one category of the competition.)

[252] **Movie Trailer**
Preview for student-produced movie. **Producer of trailer need not be producer of movie but must include a copy of release to use the footage.** *(2:00 MINUTE MAXIMUM LENGTH)*

[253] **Videography/Cinematography**
Any edited television, video, or film production that shows camera, lighting, and composition techniques.

[254] **Video Editing**
Any edited television, video, or film program. Submissions may include documentaries, music videos, and segments.

[255] **Sound Design**
An in-the-field recording and mixing of a film or video program or segment that shows a high production value and techniques.
[256] **Graphic Design/Animation**
Graphical elements of a production and narrative or experimental format. This category includes all aspects of animation (clay, digital, hand-drawing, and still-life put into motion, program openings, full screens, clip wipes, etc.) (10:00 MINUTE MAXIMUM LENGTH.) (Category entries may not win in more than one category of the competition.)

[257] **Outstanding Single-Camera Direction (Outstanding Director)**
Submission shall be a single-camera television, video, or film production; can be narrative or non-narrative. Must be submitted by the director. Eligible submissions are dramas, comedies and documentaries. Animated films, experimental films, commercials, music videos, and webisodes are not eligible. No more than 30% of stock footage may be used in documentary films. All music rights must be obtained prior to submission.

[258] **Outstanding Multi-Camera Direction (Outstanding Director)**
Submission must be a live-switch, multi-camera production. (a director’s track could be included in the audio portion of the submission.)

[261] **Vodcast**
Episodic video productions distributed via YouTube or Vimeo on the Internet. Productions can be up to 1 hour in length. All entries in this category must be produced and distributed solely on YouTube or Vimeo (Facebook Live, Periscope, or other live broadcasts are not eligible for this category) and not broadcast or disseminated through any other medium.

[294] **Live Sports Production**
A five-minute segment of sports play-by-play which was originally presented live or recorded live for later presentation without changes (NO POST PRODUCTION) representative of live sports coverage of a sporting event. Entries could have been produced for radio, video, webcast, or class assignment.

[331] **Drama Program Script**
Scripts for full-length original drama program

[333] **Comedy Program Script**
Scripts for full-length sitcom-type comedy program, or program with comedy segments

[337] **Spec Scripts**
Formula script based on a nationally-established program (broadcast, cable, or webcast)

[450] **Website**
Any website that has ties to an educational electronic media outlet (i.e. campus) or program. This includes sites that relate to a specific show, segment, station, or network as well as NBS chapters. The website will be primarily evaluated for its effectiveness of communication, aesthetics, functionality, and original design.

[461] **Web News Article**
An article featured in the news section of an online journalistic publication (including news blogs).

[501] **Student Academic Paper Competition**
Academic paper entries may be on any communications or media-related issue.