Mathematical Minutes Video Contest Contest Rules



- 1. Videos must be from two to five minutes in length.
- 2. Videos that include any reference to the school, its name, or the name of the individuals in the video, either in the video or in its YouTube name, will be disqualified. No inappropriate materials, themes or images, including but not limited to smoking, drinking, sexually suggestive, or illegal activities. Parodies should be of G-rated material.
- 3. All copyrights must be respected. Any use of video, imagery, or music must meet copyright and fair-use laws. Any entries that do not meet this standard will not be considered eligible.
- 4. For each video entered, schools must complete and email a "Mu Alpha Theta Mathematical Minutes Submission Form." NOTE: Schools must create a "Video Short Name." This name must be displayed on the title page of the video as well as on the submission form. THIS NAME SHOULD BE VISIBLE BEFORE THE VIDEO BEGINS PLAYING.
- 5. Submitting students must be active Mu Alpha Theta members or associates. All members seen in any submitted video grant permission for Mu Alpha Theta to post a link to the video online from its website, should their video become a finalist or winner in the competition. Submitting chapters must obtain and keep guardian-signed media release forms for students in the video.
- 6. Schools are allowed no more than three submissions. Only the top submission per school is eligible for prize awards.
- 7. Videos should teach a math lesson in an interesting or innovative way and will be judged on the originality of their presentation.
- 8. Topics should engage high school students with an interest in math.
- 9. The decisions of the judges are FINAL.
- 10. Eight videos will be chosen for the final round of judging. Chapters will vote to rank the top eight videos. Up to \$3,000.00 will be available to be split amongst the entries by quality. Final award amounts will be determined by online votes, along with input from the governing council.
- 11. Deadline is February 28, 2021, by midnight EST.
- 12. The first round of judging will be completed by March 31, 2021.
- 13. YouTube instructions can be found on the contest page.
- 14. We will make a video of the videos to show at the national convention. Each chapter should pick two short clips (1. The BEST of... 2. The WORST of ...) and include the start time for each. This is a chance for your video to be memorialized even if it doesn't win!

Sample contest videos: http://www.youtube.com/user/NationalMuAlphaTheta

Contest website: https://www.mualphatheta.org/mathematical-minutes

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- **1.** <u>Topic</u> Pick a topic that would be of interest to high school math students. Tell us about your favorite math trick, tip, or topic. Be sure to explain the reasoning behind the method that you used.
- **2.** <u>Length</u> Videos must be between two to five minutes long. Any videos below or above these limits will be disqualified. The video must be educational AND entertaining. Remember: If we snooze, you lose!
- **3. Format** Final submissions must be uploaded to YouTube.
- 4. <u>Deadline</u> All videos must be submitted by February 28, 2021, at midnight EST.

YouTube Instructions:

- 1. Go to https://www.youtube.com. If you don't have an account on YouTube, click on "create account", fill in the necessary spaces and create your account. If you already have an account, you may skip to step 2.
- 2. Sign in to your account.
- 3. Now click on "upload" in the center of the first screen you see when you sign in.
- 4. Leave the four boxes shown checked, click "okay, I'm ready to upload."
- 5. Click "select files from your computer".
- 6. Now search for your video wherever you saved it and then double click your video. Once you have selected your video you should see an editing screen.
- 7. You may edit the title to be anything you want, of course try and make it relevant to your video. **Do not include any reference to your school, its name, or the name of any individuals in the title. Videos that include any reference to the school, its name, or the name of the individuals in the video will be disqualified.** If your YouTube account name includes your school name, please let us know.
- 8. Under Description you **MUST write your school's Mu Alpha Theta national chapter ID number**. YOUR VIDEO WILL NOT BE SCORED IF THIS NUMBER IS MISSING.
- 9. Under Tags, write "Mathematical Minutes 2021."
- 10. Adjust the Privacy Settings to "unlisted".
- 11. Set the Category to "Education".
- 12. License and right ownership can be set to "Standard YouTube License".
- 13. Once your video has finished uploading, copy the URL given for the video and give this to your sponsor so they can include it on the entry form.

Don't forget the "Video Short Name" on both the video's title page and the entry form. Be sure to include the start time for your two video clips.

Get started and have fun! Send any questions to ASKoski@aol.com.