



2026 Youth Video Contest

Submission Guidelines



1. **PARTICIPANTS**: Videos must be original productions by NJ students of public, private or home schools.
2. **THEME** - All videos must show the 2026 NJAGC theme,
PURSUING EXCELLENCE: THE ART AND SCIENCE OF GIFTED TEACHING
3. **REQUIRED OBJECT** - All videos must include a “kaleidoscope” component. Use your imagination and be creative!
4. **LENGTH** - Video length must be at least 90 seconds but no longer than 3 minutes.
5. **GENRE** - This is entirely up to you. Keep in mind that videos will be posted online for an audience that will likely include young children.
6. **ENTRY DIVISIONS** - There are three age divisions; students may enter as individuals or in teams of up to three members. Mixed age teams will be identified by the division of the oldest team member.

Grade 5 and under**Grades 6-8*****Grades 9-12**

*NOTE: Teachers may submit up to two entries per class per age group.
All submissions must comply with copyright and Fair Use policies.*
7. **STUDENT WORK ONLY** - Videos submitted for competition **MUST** be entirely student-produced. Teachers/adults may participate as actors and/or consultants but may **NOT** do any of the actual production work. If using stock footage or photos, these components cannot exceed 10% of your video. Example: In a three minute video, the total of stock components can not be more than 18 seconds.
8. **JUDGING** - Judging will be based on theme development, creativity, and technical quality. Strive for purposeful editing and use of effects in order to best communicate your ideas. Winning videos will be selected in each age division for which multiple entries are received. If only a single entry is received NJAGC reserves the right to defer the award for that division.
9. **FORMAT** - All videos need to be submitted as YouTube or Google Drive links on our online [submission form](https://njagc.org/njagc-contests-and-awards/) found at <https://njagc.org/njagc-contests-and-awards/>. All entries must be accompanied by a scanned, signed permission form (see below). Email any questions to videocontest@njagc.org.
10. **LABEL YOUR VIDEO** - Identifying information in video credits must include title, student/group name, age division, and school name.
11. **DEADLINES** - Submit your video by 11:59 PM on February 13, 2026.

Use QR code to access the contest page —>





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Parental Permission Statement

Dear Parent,

Please sign the following permission slip for your child to enter the NJ Association for Gifted Children (NJAGC) contest, and return it to your child's teacher for submission. (Home schoolers, submit directly.)

I hereby give permission for my child to enter the 2026 NJAGC Video Contest. I agree to give NJAGC permission to include links to their submission on the NJAGC website and other digital publicity, media, and to publish their name and photo in publicity and announcements.

Name of Student #1: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent name (Print): _____

Name of Student #2 (if applicable): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent name (Print): _____

Name of Student #3 (if applicable): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent name (Print): _____

Video Title: _____

Age Division _____ Grade 5 and under _____ Grades 6-8 _____ Grades 9-12

(If applicable) Name of Teacher: _____

School District: _____

County: _____