



Project POTUS™ 2022

Official Contest Rules

1. Students in grades 6-8, or the equivalent, are eligible for entry in Project POTUS™. Homeschool and non-traditional students are welcomed and encouraged to participate.
2. **One entry per student.** This can be an individual project or a collaborative group project, with a maximum of three students working to submit a project as a group. Whether students are permitted to work in groups or must work individually is at the discretion of their teacher in a classroom setting.
3. **All entries must be the authentic work of the individual/s submitting to the contest.** If using text or other materials that are not your own, be sure to mention them, list them, or cite them during or at the end of your video. For help with research and citations, check out our resource guide available at projectpotus.org.
4. **Video material including language, audio, and visual content must be respectful.** Profanity, references to violence, and derogatory content will disqualify a video from consideration for awards by the Project POTUS jury. As a benchmark, consider what would be appropriate to display in the classroom, according to teachers and school administration.
5. **Any copyrighted material used in a Project POTUS submission must fall under fair use rules.** (Click here to learn about the term 'fair use') If you're still unsure after talking to a teacher or adult whether you're able to use a certain copyrighted material, err on the side of caution and check out these sources to find music, photographs, video clips, and more that fall within the public domain, and may be freely used.

6. Video files must be accessible for download, visible on alternative submission options like Google Drive or Youtube, or otherwise able to be successfully viewed when submitted. Any video file entries which are corrupted, unable to be downloaded, or have major issues with sound or imagery display will not be able to be judged and thus will not be eligible for awards in the Project POTUS competition.

7. All entries must include mention of or citation of at least one primary source. Mentioning the source out loud in narration or including a list of sources or citations as a visual at the conclusion of a video are a few valid ways to meet this requirement. Note the definition of primary sources below:

“Primary sources include documents or artifacts created by a witness to or participant in an event. They can be firsthand testimony or evidence created during the time period that you are studying. Primary sources may include diaries, letters, interviews, oral histories, photographs, newspaper articles, government documents, poems, novels, plays, and music.”
Definition from the University of Washington Tacoma Library.

8. Students living in any state in the United States, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories (including military bases, embassies, etc.) are eligible to participate and earn awards for Project POTUS™ submissions.

9. Any entry that does not abide by these rules and the Project POTUS™ requirements, including using and mentioning or citing at least one primary source, can be disqualified at the discretion of the Project POTUS™ team and will not be considered eligible for awards.

Do you have questions about the video requirements or rules for Project POTUS™ 2022? Send a message to Molly Beausir, Russell and Penny Fortune Project POTUS Presidential Fellow, at projectpotus@bhpsite.org

Project POTUS is a national education initiative for middle school students from the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, located in the Historic Old Northside Neighborhood of Indianapolis, Indiana. Visit projectpotus.org.