

NASDME

The National Association of State Directors of Migrant Education

What It's Like Being a Migrant Student...

Video Contest

Is it the mobility? Is it missing school to work? Being with family? Or is it the friendships and connections made? Whatever your interpretation of what it is like being a migrant student, we want to hear it, see it, and understand it! You will be communicating your thoughts, feelings, and ideas in a video format, so show us what your migrant student life is like.

Submit a short video that showcases what being a migrant student means to you. Make your video shout—not literally, but get people to notice your unique and personal perspective. Take advantage of your talents to convey your ideas—create an artistic personal statement. Make a silent film. Produce a newscast. There are no limitations or boundaries to this contest—use that to your advantage!

A new laptop computer will be awarded to the winner of the contest!!

Eligibility: This contest is open to individuals who meet the following criteria:

- Migrant students who are currently in the 8th grade or higher, but not yet in college; or
- Migrant Out-of-School Youth;
- Recent history of movement for agricultural or fishing employment (within the past 36 months). (**For all applicants**)

Application Process A completed application form must be **received** at the Washington, DC address listed below by Monday, **March 1, 2010**, and also include the following:

- Five (5) copies of a 2 - 5 minute video (DVD or CD-R in WMA or MP4 format) showcasing what being a migrant student means to you;
- Proof of Migrant Education eligibility – (Attach a copy of a “Certificate of Eligibility” showing qualification during the past three calendar years). This can be obtained from your local Migrant Education Program staff.

Submit the completed application packet and the video to:

NASDME

Video Contest Review Committee

1001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.

Suite 915

Washington, DC 20036

Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT TRAVELS TO THE NATIONAL MIGRANT EDUCATION CONFERENCE, THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT'S SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ASKED TO PROVIDE TRAVEL SUPPORT FOR THAT STUDENT AND A CHAPERONE TO ACCOMPANY THE WINNER TO THE NATIONAL MIGRANT EDUCATION CONFERENCE IN ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA. THE AWARD WILL BE GIVEN DURING THE LARGE GENERAL SESSION IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OF SUNDAY APRIL 11, 2010.

Judging A selection committee will review all videos submitted and will pick a winner based on the following criteria:

- Originality (35%)
- Overall Creativity (35%)
- Relevance to the theme (30%)

Note: Adult support by teachers or others is acceptable, but student applicants must agree that the concept and dialogue is their own, and not that of an adult.

Helpful Web Video Tips

Do you sometimes watch a video on YouTube and think that you could do much better? Making a video is simple and can be a lot of fun. With a camcorder (or most digital cameras) and a computer, you can make a great video clip in no time. Find out if your school has some equipment you could borrow for this project.

Here are some easy tips to remember when making your video:

- **Brainstorm.** Don't try and wing it in front of the camera. Think ahead about what you think best displays your interpretation no matter what the interpretation may be. Plot out your video, including the action and the images. If you have an idea of where you're going, you'll be in better shape in the long run.
- **Write it Down.** Any dialogue should be written down, so you can remember those lines. Memorize them well because if you mess up your lines it will lead to more editing in the end.
- **What Did You Say?** You can film your video anywhere you want, just be sure we can hear and see what's going on. Set up your camera so that the lighting is good and you can be heard loud and clear.
- **Get Friends to Help.** Whether holding the camera or participating in the video, the more people who help you with your video, the better it will turn out. Having someone else actually shooting the video gives you the opportunity to be dynamic in your video instead of just showing buildings or your backyard for two minutes. We want to see you!
- **Edit, Edit, Edit.** You should film more than two minutes of footage, but have the best two minutes count. Editing software like iMovie and Windows Movie Maker let you make a video in a snap. Add snazzy graphics or cool music to accompany your interpretation of what it's like being a migrant student.

If you follow these easy steps, you're well on your way to winning that brand new laptop computer!

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APPLICATION FORM

This form **must be received** at the NASDME offices in Washington, DC **by Monday , March 1, 2010**, with the required documentation. Failure to submit a completed application packet will result in disqualification. This application packet may also be downloaded from www.nasdme.org. Neatly print or type.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Initial: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Street/Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Name of school currently attending

School telephone number

School address

Current grade level of contestant

CONTESTANT AGREES to the use of his/her name, photographs, and information contained in this application for educational, advertising, and promotional purposes for the What It's Like Being a Migrant Student video contest and migrant education programs, without further compensation or notification. The contestant agrees that upon submission of the video, it becomes the property of NASDME and will not be returned to the contestant. (Please make a copy of the video if you want to do so.)

I/We hereby state that the information included on this application form is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge, the concept is my own, the dialogue and script were not written by adults, and the web video has been created through amateur means only.

Contestant's Signature Date Parent's/Guardian's Signature Date

Parent's/Guardian's Name (printed) (If contestant is under 18 years of age)