

Television Video Production Additional Information on Music Copy Right
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All contest entries will be combined into one program and placed on the internet soon after the contest concludes for anyone to view or download. Therefore, all contest entries which contain copyrighted (non-original) music must be accompanied by a permission document from the copyright owner which indicates that license is granted for the video (with music) to be placed on the internet or for distribution. A blanket letter from a music library may be used. In lieu of a letter, a copy of the receipt for the purchase or lease of the library may be submitted. Since you will not know the type of music you'll need before you get to the contest, you may download music from your music library internet site, burn it to a CD in your hotel and bring the CD in on editing day. Judges will check the CD and verify it contains only production music files.

For your convenience, we have located two sources of music which may be used without having to purchase the license:

www.soundzabound.com is a source of royalty free music for schools however if the music is placed on a video program which is distributed outside of the individual classroom, sold or placed on the internet, the copyright license requires a fee. Soundzabound is supporting the National SkillsUSA Championships by offering an extremely limited access code to all contestants in the National Contest to use the Soundzabound music on their entries. Contestants will be given the access code at the orientation meeting at the contest. It can only be used for a few days but any program which is created during that time will have permission to be distributed on the internet.

www.freestockmusic.com offers free downloads of music at all times (year-round, not just for the contest). It is a rapidly growing library. This music can be used by anyone free of charge with only one exception: the user cannot download the music and repackage it to sell to others as a music library.

Any entry containing music not properly credited and accompanied by a written license will result in severe point reduction.