

## MU ALPHA THETA VIDEO CONTEST

### Overview:

1. Topic– Pick a topic that would be of interest to high school math students. Tell us about your favorite math trick, tip or topic.
2. Length –Videos must be between 2 to 5 minutes long. Any videos below or above these limits will be disqualified. Tell your story. The video HAS to be educational AND entertaining. Remember: If WE snooze, YOU lose!
3. Format–Final submissions are to be uploaded to YouTube. The video links have to be sent to [tina.campbell@dcsms.org](mailto:tina.campbell@dcsms.org)
4. Deadline -All videos must be submitted by **Weds, February 22, 2017** at midnight.

### Contest Rules

The Mu Alpha Theta Mathematical Minutes Video Contest wants members to create educational and entertaining videos. Get together with a few friends from your math club, pick a math topic, and create an informative video.

Contest Website: <http://www.mualphatheta.org/Contests/Presentation.aspx>

The following are the rules for the Mathematical Minutes Video Contest:

1. Videos must be from 2 -5 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. You must create a "Video Short Name" which is exactly 8 characters long. This name must be displayed on the title page of the video. For example, if your video was about Guys Buying Flowers, then your short name could be "GUYSFLOW." THIS NAME SHOULD BE VISIBLE BEFORE THE VIDEO BEGINS PLAYING.
5. Submitting students must be active Mu Alpha Theta members or associates (or about to become members). 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.
6. Videos should teach a math lesson in an interesting or innovative way and will be judged on the originality of their presentation.
7. Topics should engage high school students with an interest in math.
8. The decisions of the judges are FINAL.

9. The top 3 videos submitted here at DCHS will be entered into the national. If more than 5 videos are submitted, then teachers will choose the top 5 and Mu Alpha Theta members will vote for the top 3.

10. Nationally 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.

Videos must be submitted by **Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at midnight.**

### 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.

8. Under Tags, write "Mathematical Minutes 2017."

9. Adjust the Privacy Settings to "unlisted".

10. Set the Category to "Education".

11. License and right ownership can be set to "Standard YouTube License".

12. Once your video has finished uploading, copy the URL given for the video into an email. Include all the names of those students involved in the making of the video and email to [tina.campbell@dcsms.org](mailto:tina.campbell@dcsms.org).

## Mathematical Minutes Video Contest Hints

1. Watch the top videos from prior years. Look for those surprising elements that made them stand out.

To see sample videos for the contest:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/NationalMuAlphaTheta>

See last year's winning videos:

<http://www.mualphatheta.org/Contests/MathMinutesFinalists.aspx>

2. Abstain from objectionable material such as smoking, drinking, illegal or dangerous activities. Videos that contain this type of material may be disqualified.

3. Remember..Video entries are time-stamped. Don't be late.

4. Always double check your links.

5. Fill out the entry form completely. All information is needed to properly download, view and credit a video.

6. Check clothing and backgrounds carefully while filming/editing. There can be no identifying features of your school or members.

7. Check your math for accuracy. (McDonald's arches and suspension bridges are not parabolas.)

## Video Contest Production/Content Hints

1. Watch for unnecessary fillers. Videos do not have to use all 5 minutes.

2. If a parody of popular music is used to make the video, be sure the lyrics fit the song.

3. Audio is important, especially if your words are critical to the meaning of the video. Some schools have used text overlay in the past.

4. Costumes can really help a video if they make sense in the context of your story.

5. The first few seconds of your video are critical to catch the viewer's attention quickly.

**\*\*There will prizes for the top 3 videos!! Good luck.**