



SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS



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Spartan Media Awards: Thursday, 05/07/2026 in the
Silk Auditorium from 5:30-8:00pm

Submission Qualifications

- One submission per category
- Entries subject to approval
- Work must be original
- **Submissions due by Monday April 27, 2026**

Nomination Procedure

1. Instructors can nominate a limited number of students and submit their work for them.
2. Students who are not nominated by their instructors are welcome to submit their work.

GRAPHIC ARTS SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submission Categories:

- **Digital Page Layouts:** Flyers, magazines layouts, menus, brochures, newsletters, book covers, and business stationary.
- **Digital Illustrations:** Digital vector or raster art and illustrations, digital paintings.
- **Digital Photo Composites:** DVD menus, DVD and CD cover labels, photo composite posters, digital imaging/photo effects.
- **Traditional Illustrations:** Hand-drawn imagery using single or mixed media.
- Submit a PNG or JPG that is approx. 1920 pixels across the longest edge.
- Entries must contain student and project name.
- Please email your submission to Eugene Starr: estarr@starkstate.edu
- Contacts: estarr@starkstate.edu or mlash@starkstate.edu for any assistance and/or questions.

PHOTOGRAPHY SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submission Categories:

- **Black and White Photography:** Any theme, in black/white only.
- **Commercial Photography:** Any theme, full color only.
- Minor adjustments allowed (no composites).
- Submit your photo as a JPG that is approx. 1500 pixels across the longest edge.
- Entries must contain student name and photo title.
- Please email your submission to Michelle Lash: mlash@starkstate.edu
- Contact: mlash@starkstate.edu for any assistance and/or questions.

3D MOTION GRAPHICS SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submission Categories:

- **3D Modeling:** Model your best detailed figure or object, ready to be animated!
- **2D/3D Animation:** Hand-drawn or computer-generated animated storytelling fun!
- Submit a high quality MP4.
- Entries must contain student and project name.
- Upload your video to your Google Drive and email the link to Ralph Lumley: rlumley@starkstate.edu
- Please visit the following site for assistance on attaching your Google Drive Link:
<https://support.google.com/mail/answer/6584>
- Contact: estarr@starkstate.edu or rlumley@starkstate.edu for any assistance and/or questions.

VIDEO PRODUCTION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submission Categories:

- **Comedy short:** Is it funny? Commercials, documentaries, short films, anything; if it's funny, submit it here!
- **Fiction Short** This story sprang from your imagination, and you brought it to life through video! Any genre.
- **Non-Fiction Short:** Includes documentaries, true-life short films, educational videos, etc. Keep it real!
- Film resolution must be 720x1080p, 1920x1080p or 4K. Nothing higher than 4K, please.
- Entries must contain student's name and title of video.
- Upload your video to your Google Drive and email the link to Ralph Lumley: rlumley@starkstate.edu
- Please visit the following site for assistance on attaching your Google Drive Link: <https://support.google.com/mail/answer/6584>
- Contact: rlumley@starkstate.edu for any assistance and/or questions.

MUSIC PRODUCTION & ENGINEERING SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submission Categories:

- **Original Composition:** Can be any genre.
- **Music Production:** Self-produced music track, recording of another artist, or arrangement of a song by another artist (cover version).
- **Sound Design:** Primarily non-musical audio (dialogue and sound effects) recorded and/or created for a commercial, film, game, web, or audio play.
- Submit as a data file (wav for audio submissions, mp4 for video submissions) as a Google Drive link to jleatherbarrow@starkstate.edu.
 - Be sure to set the share permissions to "anyone with the link can view."
- Alternately you could hand a CD-R, DVD-R or flash drive containing the data file directly to James Leatherbarrow (office C100A1.)
- All submissions must be radio-friendly, so edit out any swearing.
- Please include student's name, project title, and submission category.
- Contact: jleatherbarrow@starkstate.edu for any assistance and/or questions.

NOTE: Winning students or a representative of their choice MUST be present at ceremony. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of the students' entries.