

**TELEVISION BROADCASTING**

Each contestant will present a **three (3-4) minute television broadcast** containing three items: 90 seconds of **News**, 60 seconds of **Sports**, and 30 seconds of **Original Commentary**. **Contestants are responsible for writing their own commentary**. Contestants should wear attire appropriate to professional news broadcast and the camera frame should be waist-up. Contestants should **introduce** themselves at the start of the broadcast and lead in to the first story creatively. The contestant may create brief **transitions** between stories and into commentary. Evaluation will be based on **presence, voice quality, commentary, organization, overall effectiveness, and adherence to time limit**. Timekeeper will time entire broadcast only. **All items must be included in the broadcast**. Event host will provide 90 seconds of news copy and 60 seconds of sports copy approx. 1 week before festival date. Winners will be determined by total points awarded, with NO FINALS ROUND. NO SUBSTITUTIONS ALLOWED. **TIME LIMIT: (3-4) minutes**.

**2021 Original Commentary:** Write a 30 second commentary answering the following question: **“Would the US benefit or be harmed by implementing use of popular vote to elect future Presidents, thus abolishing the Electoral College?”**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Round \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Excellent = 10

Poor = 1

Comments

\_\_\_\_\_ **Camera Presence / Delivery**  
 All words pronounced correctly?  
 Effective delivery/connection to audience through screen?  
 Announcer appears credible?  
 Professional Attire?

\_\_\_\_\_ **Voice Quality**  
 Free from unpleasant qualities?  
 Pause, emphasis, phrasing, rate and variations effective?  
 All sounds are articulate & clear but not overdone?

\_\_\_\_\_ **Material - 30 sec. Commentary**  
 Relevant and Opinionated?  
 Effective oral style employed for commentary?  
 Clear transition from prepared copy to commentary?

\_\_\_\_\_ **Organization of Broadcast**  
 Announcer moved smoothly between stories?  
 Easy to follow?  
 Effective transitions used throughout?

\_\_\_\_\_ **Overall Effectiveness**  
 Approached with integrity and demonstrating poise?  
 Announcer exhibits originality?  
 Personality conducive to television broadcasting?

\_\_\_\_\_ **Total points (50 possible)** Judge’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes (Limit: 3-4 minutes) Judge’s Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

**Tally Room Use Only**

-5 Deduction for Over or Under time in Preliminary rounds; *DISQUALIFIED* for Over or Under time in *FINALS*

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL ADJUSTED POINTS**