



**JIM HARBIN  
STUDENT MEDIA FESTIVAL  
RULES FOR ENTERING**

\*All categories must tell a story. Scripts and/or storyboards **must** accompany each FAME student entry form.

\*All non-student written and produced materials must include a signed release specifying permission for use from the owner of that material (see sec. #3 of entry form). Name, address, and phone number must be included with the release, giving FAME permission to copy and broadcast the student production at no charge. This includes all copyrighted and non-copyrighted materials.

\*Copyright permission must be credited in writing for use of clip art, non original music and authoring programs. Entries with identifiable copyright violations will not be judged. **Fair Use Guidelines do not apply to Jim Harbin entries.**

\*Presentations exceeding 7 minutes will be disqualified. Running time shall be interpreted as first fade/visual/sound to last.

\*All entries must be student written and produced in their entirety, with the signed approval of an active FAME member (see sec.#4 of entry form).

\*All entries VHS/DVD must have a **LABEL** with **county**, production **title** name, **time** of production, **region**, **category**, **school** name, and **grade** listed.

\*A completed entry form must accompany each student video production. Entry forms must be computer generated. Sponsor e-mail address must be included. All entries must be submitted on ½ inch VHS videotape recorded at standard play or DVDs in the DVD-R format. Entries will be judged by original medium. Original medium must be available upon request. One entry per tape. Lowest generation possible.

\*No entry may be submitted in multiple categories. Categories are listed below. Each entry must be on a separate tape and “show ready.” Each entry submitted must include black lead at the beginning and end of the production. **Entry tapes/DVDs will not be returned.**

\*Only material produced during the current school year may be submitted. A presentation completed after a district competition can be entered in the next year's competition at the grade level at which the presentation was completed.

\*All first place entries must be submitted by the County Contact to the Regional Chairperson no later than **May 1** of each year to be eligible for regional judging. Only one entry per category and age group will be eligible for submission to Regional Judging. If there is no county contact you can submit on a first come first serve basis to the regional chairperson. Again, only one entry per category and age group will be accepted to regional competition from counties without a contact.

\*Entries may be produced by an individual, group, class, or club. Post-secondary students earning a living in the field of production, or teaching production are not eligible.

\*Awards will be made in five grade classifications: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, and post-secondary for each category. All students involved in winning productions will receive awards. The criteria for judging is based on content and technical quality.

\*At both the county and regional levels, all first place entries will be submitted to the next level of competition.

\*All completed productions and entry forms must be in the possession of the State Chairperson before **June 1** in order to be eligible for inclusion in the state competition.

\*All entries must receive a score of at least 25 to advance to state competition.

### **Categories**

**Animation:** Characters created on film, video, or computer. Includes two and three-dimensional animation using clay, objects or models.

**Comedy:** Tells a humorous story. May incorporate comedic elements such as misunderstandings, sight gags, or satire.

**Documentary:** Original programs that provide a view of real events and people.

**Drama:** Tells a story using emotion and feeling in a dramatic, creative and colorful way.

**Instructional Video:** A program that helps people learn something

**Music Video:** Video pictures set to music. Score and/or lyrics can either be original, or prerecorded. (Must abide by rule #2 above)

**News:** Any original program that reports real events.

**PSA:** A Public Service Announcement is a short 30-60 second message, which informs the public, or changes public opinion, actions, or feelings.



**SPECIAL NOTE:** In the past, FAME paid for statewide first place winners to be sent to the International competition. The International competition now needs the entries much earlier than we are completed in Florida. If you are interested in competing at the international level, please see their website for details.

([www.ismf.net](http://www.ismf.net)) FAME **no longer pays the entry fee** to the International competition. However, International winners will be recognized at our annual fall FAME Jim Harbin Ceremony.

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