

NATIONAL
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UPPER MIDWEST CHAPTER



ELIGIBILITY PERIOD

All entries must have been originally broadcast or distributed within the Awards Year from June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019.

ELIGIBILITY AREA

All broadcast, cable, broadband, cable/community/government access and video content providers ***(not close circuit or venue specific)*** located within the following Designated Market Areas (DMAs): Minneapolis-St. Paul, Des Moines-Ames, Cedar Rapids-Waterloo-Iowa City-Dubuque, Sioux Falls (Mitchell), Fargo-Valley City, La Crosse-Eau Claire, Duluth-Superior, Sioux City, Rochester-Mason City-Austin, Minot-Bismarck-Dickinson, Rapid City, Mankato. New Media entries must be intended for consumption and be of interest to this regional audience.

SUBMISSION ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible, original entries must have been transmitted to the general public by a television station, a cable company, satellite, the Internet or other digital delivery medium. Digital is defined as multimedia projects that combine various forms of traditional media with social media and interactivity, as well as linear programming delivered online (over the Internet, via various mobile platforms).

Eligibility is limited to digital and telecast/cablecast programming that was originally made ***to a regional or local audience*** during the Chapter's eligibility year.

Materials provided by a news service, cooperative news association or similar source must be treated as previously produced material, unless it was originally intended for first release in the regional awards eligibility area to which it was submitted with on-site supervision by the entrant.

Re-purposed material is not eligible unless it is determined to have been given a new and unique treatment.

Broadcast entries must have been intended to be of ‘primary interest’ to a regional or local audience, within the Chapter's designated awards area, and must have had their first transmission in that awards area during the eligibility period. Entries must not have been available for viewing by more than 50% of the U.S. television homes during the eligibility year. Entries that are available to more than 50% of the U.S. television homes should be submitted to NATAS’ national awards (*see exceptions*).

Broadband entries must have been intended for consumption and be ‘of primary interest’ to a regional or local audience, within the Chapter's designated awards area. It is advised that broadband content intended for a *wider* audience (a national audience) be submitted for consideration in The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences’ national awards.

Cablecast entries are deemed available *for an entire market* if the cable channel on which they appear is generally available to that market, regardless of the actual number of subscribers the cable channel may have in the market.

However, entries which are specifically designed *exclusively for their regional or local market* may be accepted for regional judging, even if the retransmitting of the station’s signal by cable systems make it available to more than 50% of the American television households. This may include regional newscasts or programs dealing with issues specifically related to the local community.

For entries/programs that have been syndicated and aired in regional markets, the entrant(s) must provide a “carriage/distribution summary.” The summary must indicate all markets that carried the show, how many runs it had and the percentage of coverage.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE 50% RULE:

1. Local station news coverage that may receive national exposure should be submitted to regional Emmy® Award competitions.
2. Entries are eligible for regional competition if the treatment was of a local community issue, with the content primarily intended for distribution in the Chapter’s designated awards area. Works accepted for regional judging under this exception may not be submitted for national consideration.
3. A documentary film that has a limited theatrical release at film festivals (showing on 600 or fewer screens in the U.S. over a one year period) before telecast or being made available online is eligible provided the program content is of primary interest to the regional or local audience.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE 50% RULE: (CONT.)

4. A local program that later receives national distribution may compete in both regional and national awards competitions, but not in the same eligibility year.

5. Local segments that are eligible to participate as entries in national Emmy® Award competitions (i.e. News & Doc) may compete in both regional and national awards competitions under prevailing rules.

CONTENT ELIGIBILITY: The interpretation of the Awards Committee is final and absolute. Entries must be submitted as originally shown. There may not be any post-broadcast changes except as noted in the category descriptions.

The following programming is not eligible:

1. Pornographic, violent, defamatory or offensive material.
2. Previously aired programs, series or related crafts which aired and met eligibility requirements during a previous award year or another Emmy® competition.
3. Program length commercials (infomercials).
4. Closed circuit programs (from hotels, hospitals, movie theatres, arenas, stadiums and other venue specific locations) with special, targeted audiences.
5. Content from telethons, pledge breaks and/or programs with a unique call to action aired for the purposes of raising money for political parties, charities or other related causes.
6. Motion picture premiered programs that appeared in general release to the public in theatres.
7. Compilation reels, “clip shows” or “best of...” programs that were edited from original content.
8. Any acquired foreign productions not originated in the United States.

ENTRY PLACEMENT: When a program’s content may allow for a choice of category placement, the producer has the discretion to enter the program and its individual craft achievements in the most appropriate category where it is eligible. However, certain rules must also be considered and followed.

No entry may be submitted to more than one Chapter’s awards. The “first airing” of the entry is the primary determination of eligibility.

Different episodes from the same program or series can only be entered in one Chapter’s awards.

Entrants are not allowed to separate program content from individual craft achievement and submit in multiple Chapters.

Attempts to adjust show titles, airdates and/or descriptions of programs in order to submit to multiple Chapters, regardless of the circumstances, is prohibited.

Ineligible entries may be disqualified during any phase of the competition.

ORIGINAL MATERIAL: At least two-thirds of an entry must consist of original material, unless previously produced material has been given some unique and creative treatment that, in the opinion of the Chapter Awards Committee, results in a new, original program. Entrants must identify all non-original or sponsored material, including its location in the program. Re-purposed material is not eligible.

ENTRY QUOTA: In order to sustain a high level of award excellence, Chapters must continue to self-regulate their entries, making sure only the appropriate individuals are recognized. To maintain this consistency, there is a maximum quota of 12 eligible names allowed on each entry. Any name(s) added beyond this number will require written authorization from the primary responsible entrant detailing the additional job title and responsibility. Chapters would then have the option of accepting these additional entrants or not.

STUDENT PRODUCTIONS: Students are not considered peer professionals and as such, their regional student productions are not eligible for Regional Emmy® award recognition. If material is produced as part of a class, for which school credit is received, they are considered a student. If they are paid or working on a project with other "professionals," and want to enter the Chapter's award competition, they cannot enter as a student, but instead must pay the appropriate entries fees as an active NATAS member (or non-member). The student is then prohibited from entering subsequent student production categories with other classmates. Student award recipients from any NATAS Chapters' high school or college competitions may not use the Emmy® name or replica of the Emmy® figure in any form of commercial advertising or promotion for their recognition.

COMPOSITE / FIVE LIFT RULE: Except where noted, a composite is defined as a sampling of a minimum of two and no more than five (5) representative segments or elements that convey to a judging panel the scope, breadth, or range of an individual's talents or of coverage of a special event. The

elements within a composite, unless otherwise noted, are to be “as aired” with no internal edits or post production work, such as music or special effects. **Demo reels or montages are not allowed.** One to two seconds of black between cuts, with no audio or slates must be added to separate segments within the composite. Unless otherwise noted, a straight lift from a long work may be included as an element of a composite, but there must be no editing of the lift. **For program entries, composite may only contain content from one episode of the series, not multiple installments.** Title entry composites as such. (i.e. John Smith Composite, The Answer Man Composite, etc.)