

VIDEO guidelines for Science Fair Projects (revised 2/16/2022) – valid for 2022 and 2023

1. The purpose of your video is for you to tell us about your project. We want to see the project and hear you explain it. We encourage you to be prominently displayed in the video (as opposed to having the video be prominently your slides).
2. The target audience for this video is members of the general public who will visit the fair virtually. While judges will have access to this video, it will not be the focus of their project review.
3. The video must comply with all Display & Safety Rules, particularly involving logos, acknowledgements and properly crediting images/graphs/photos.
4. The video must be **no longer than 2.00 minutes**. Videos longer than two minutes will not be accepted.
5. If a 1:00 minute Simulation/Demonstration/Animation of the project is included, it should be placed at the end of the required 2:00 minute video. A TITLE PAGE should begin the video, stating that a simulation is included at the end. The total maximum length of the video then becomes 3:00 minutes
6. You can use any props or visuals you may have that are within the Display & Safety guidelines.
Tip: this video is a summary statement about your project and the scientific or engineering design process you followed; it is not intended as an advertisement or sales pitch.
7. Do not include anyone in your video other than the student researchers of the project.

What to include in the Video

- 1. Introduce Yourself:** State your FIRST name (not full name) and rather than reciting your project title, consider explaining your project in a single sentence.
- 2. Explain Your Project:** Summarize your research into three main points.
 - a. What did you do?
 - b. What did you find?
 - c. What conclusions did you draw?

Best Practices for Filming

These videos will not be edited. To ensure your video is the best representation of your work, please keep these best practices in mind while filming:

- Please speak in English.
- Film yourself in a well-lit and non-distracting environment so the viewer's focus stays on you and your work.
- For best results, film your video horizontally (landscape).
- Keep the camera still and in place during filming.
- Speak clearly and loudly enough that the recording is able to pick up every word you say.
- Avoid long pauses.
- Listen to your video after recording to ensure your voice is clear and audible, and that the video has not picked up too much background noise.

Uploading the Video

The video must be uploaded to **YouTube** and a "hyperlink" must be used to enter it on the online entry form. Refer to the [training video](#) on how to upload a video. Briefly, the steps are:

1. Open the YouTube App on your phone or other device.
2. Tap the video upload button at the top of the screen.

3. Select the file to upload.
4. Add a BRIEF Title; do not include your name in the title.
5. For the privacy settings, choose "unlisted".
6. Choose "copy link" and paste the link to your video in the box on the entry form.