

Looking@Democracy Challenge Rules

Guidelines:

1. Entries must address issues related to democracy in the United States.
2. Audio and Video entries must be under three (3) minutes in length. There is no minimum length.
3. All entries must be in English, contain English subtitles, or be dubbed in English.
4. Adaptations of previously produced work, and/or portions of larger projects are acceptable.
5. This competition is open to anyone who wishes to enter (organizations and individuals). A valid U.S. Tax ID # is required for all entries.
6. Monetary awards will be presented to the winning entrants as identified on the entry form approximately 6-8 weeks after the conclusion of the competition.
7. Awards will be announced in early May. Winners will be notified directly by a Looking@Democracy committee member.
8. A panel of judges will determine winners. All decisions are final.
9. Submissions must be made available free of charge to the public throughout the competition and for one year after the announcement of winners. Once an entry is submitted, the contestant may not change or alter the submission.

Eligibility: The LOOKING@DEMOCRACY Competition is open only to individuals and organizations that are based in the US and have a valid U.S. tax identification number. If required by law, state and/or federal taxes may be withheld from awards made. In addition, winners are responsible for reporting and paying any income taxes or other taxes that may apply to accepting awards. Individuals submitting on behalf of corporations, nonprofits, or groups of individuals (such as an academic class or other team) must meet the eligibility requirements for individual contestants; however, each individual team member need not meet every criterion. An individual may join more than one team, corporation, or nonprofit organization. Employees or Board Members of the Illinois Humanities Council (IHC), the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation or Forum One Communications are not eligible. The competition is subject to all applicable federal laws and regulations. Participation constitutes contestant's full and unconditional agreement to these Official Rules and administrative decisions, which are final and binding in all matters related to the competition. Eligibility for an award is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements set forth herein.

Teams: Submissions can be from an individual or a team. Awards will be provided to the team leader for distribution to the rest of the team.

Intellectual Property Rights: All files and applications submitted to the competition remain the intellectual property of the individuals or organizations that developed them, though the IHC will retain the right, through an appropriate license agreement, to use and distribute all submissions to the public free of charge for one year after the announcement of the winners.

Public Voting: Public voting will determine the potential winner of the Popular Choice Award. Use of an automated process or similar device to submit an electronic vote is strictly prohibited. Any attempt to circumvent the one-vote limit per Submission, including the use of multiple email addresses or any form of automated vote processes will subject all votes from the person or entity to disqualification. The Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any Solver at their sole discretion, if a Solver receives multiple and/or irregular votes from the same user or users, or receives votes in a manner that otherwise may indicate automated or non-automated vote manipulation. If the voting process for the Popular Choice Award fails to operate properly or appears to be tampered with or tainted with errors, fraud or unfair practices, the Sponsor at their sole discretion reserves the right to use another means to determine the potential winner of the Popular Choice Award. Solvers may not pay or otherwise compensate anyone or provide any other type of consideration in exchange for votes.

Public votes may be displayed on the Competition website, on a real-time basis, before being verified for integrity. These unverified votes will not necessarily reflect accurately the voting for the Popular Choice Award.

The potential winner of the Popular Choice Award will be determined on the basis of the verified vote counts, as determined by the Sponsor.

Judges and Winner Selection: The submissions will be judged by a qualified panel selected by the IHC at its sole discretion. The panel will judge the submissions on the criteria identified in the competition summary. Judges have the right to withdraw without advance notice in the event of circumstances beyond their control. IHC has the right to add or remove judges to the panel at its discretion. The IHC reserves the right to reject any entries and to decline to award any or all prizes if the entries are not found to be worthy.

Winners and Recognition: Winners will be notified on May 28, 2013.

Publicity: Except where prohibited, participation in the competition constitutes the winners' consent to the contest's sponsors and its agents' use of the winners' names, likenesses, photographs, voices, opinions, and/or hometown information for promotional purposes in any media worldwide, without further payment or consideration.

Copyright: Contestant warrants that he or she is the sole author and owner of the submission, and that the submission completely originates with the contestant (or is an improved version of an existing application that the submitter has sufficient rights to use — including the substantial improvement of existing open-source apps), that it does not infringe upon any copyright or any other rights of any third party of which the contestant(s) might reasonably be aware, and is free of malware.

Logo/Branding: Submissions to the competition can be designed and branded at the discretion of the contestant, but should not include the IHC's or MacArthur Foundation's logos or branding.

Liability: The contestant shall be liable for, and shall indemnify and hold harmless IHC and MacArthur Foundation against all actions or claims for loss of or damage for intellectual property infringement, any type of defamation, right of privacy, or personal injury claim, or to property of IHC and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation computer systems or to those of the users of the applications resulting from the fault, negligence, or wrongful act or omission of the contestant.