**KNPR Student Podcast Contest 2024**

**Official Rules**

**1. ELIGIBILITY.** Open to legal residents of the United States or the District of Columbia. Void where prohibited by law. The following people are not eligible: Persons who, on or after January 1st, 2024, are full-time regular employees of Nevada Public Radio, or its related organizations including *Desert Companion*.

**2. CONTEST SCHEDULE:** You may enter the KNPR Student Podcast Contest (the "Contest") between 12 a.m. PT, **August 19, 2024**, and 11:59 p.m. PT, **November 1, 2024** (the "Contest Period").

**3. TO ENTER:** To enter the Contest, complete the submission requirements, including audio and written document that meet the contest parameters described below (the "Submission").

Before you will be allowed to enter the Contest, you must expressly agree and consent to be bound by these OFFICIAL RULES. If you do not agree to these terms, please do not enter the Contest. Incomplete entries or entries submitted by other means will not be considered. Any Submission that is not in compliance with these entry rules may be disqualified at the sole discretion of the Contest Sponsor. Void where prohibited by law.

**4. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS.** To be considered for the Contest, a Submission must meet all of the following requirements:

1. The Submission must be the original work of the Entrant(s).
2. The Submission must be owned by the Entrant and may not be subject to a rights license or other contractual obligation that limits the Entrant's ownership rights.
3. The Submission has not been previously broadcast in any format.
4. The Entrant must meet all eligibility requirements.
5. Each submission should:
	1. Be one episode on a single theme (though it can be part of a larger series).
	2. Be 12 minutes long, including intro, outro, and credits.
	3. Include both an audio file (wav or mp3) and a document (Google or Word).
		1. The written document should include the following episode information:
			1. Title
			2. Producer(s)
			3. Host(s)
			4. Guests/interviewees/sources
			5. Summary of the topic
			6. Transcript, with timestamped bites set apart in the text
6. Submissions may not contain content that violates any third-party rights (e.g., trademarked or copyrighted audio), FCC guidelines, or that Nevada Public Radio, in its sole discretion, deems inappropriate.

Any Submission that does not meet all Submission Requirements may be disqualified at any time, at the sole discretion of Nevada Public Radio/KNPR.

**5. LICENSE:** By entering the Contest, Entrant grants an irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide non-exclusive license to Nevada Public Radio, and its related companies to reproduce, distribute, and/or broadcast the Submission 1) in connection with the Contest and promotion of the Contest, including, but not limited to print publishing, terrestrial broadcasts, web, and any other platform now known or later developed, 2) in connection with Nevada Public Radio and promotion of Nevada Public Radio including, but not limited to print publishing, terrestrial broadcasts, web, and any other platform now known or later developed. No additional consideration or approval is required for any such use. Further, as a condition of accepting the prize, the winner of the contest will be required to assign to Nevada Public Radio exclusive rights to the Submission for a period of one-hundred-eighty (180) days following the date of its selection as winner. Nevada Public Radio or its related organizations may use name and likeness of Winner for advertising, fundraising, promotional, and/or publicity purposes during that period of time, without further compensation. At the conclusion of said period, any rights that Nevada Public Radio maintains as to the Submission shall no longer be exclusive. Thereafter, both Winner and Nevada Public Radio shall each possess rights to the Submission in shared fashion.

**6. SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION OF WINNER(S)**: Every eligible Submission will be included in the Contest. Selection will be made according to the following process, or as otherwise determined by the Contest Sponsor:

1. **Timeline**: Entries due to KNPR by **Friday, November 1, 2024** (Nevada Day recess).
	1. KNPR will pick up to three finalists from CCSD schools, and up to three finalists from NSHE schools.
	2. KNPR will announce finalists three weeks after submissions deadline.
		1. KNPR journalists will meet with teams of finalists one-on-one to offer advice and training for improving their productions.
		2. Finalists have two weeks to revise projects and resubmit for the final round by November 15, 2024.
		3. Contest Sponsor will announce first-, second-, and third-place winners by December 6, 2024.
	3. Winning podcasts will air during the 2024 holiday season (between Hannukah and New Year’s Day), as scheduling allows.
	4. All finalists will receive a “KNPR’s student podcast competition” certificate.
	5. In addition to having their winning productions broadcast on-air, winners will be invited to discuss their podcasts on *KNPR’s State of Nevada*.
	6. The Winner will be required to assign to Nevada Public Radio all rights to the Submission as a condition of winning the prize.
	7. If Contest Sponsor deems the Winner to be ineligible or if the Winner is unwilling to assign to Nevada Public Radio all rights to the Submission, then the Prize will go to another Finalist to be selected by the Judges.
2. **Judging**
	1. The Contest Sponsor will create a panel of Contest judges (collectively, the "Judges")
	2. The Judges will review all eligible Submissions received during the Contest Period.
	3. Judges will select Submissions that will be deemed to be Contest finalists (each, a "Finalist"). The criteria for selecting Finalists will be determined in the sole discretion of the Contest Sponsor, and may include factors such as impact, relevance, technique, originality, audio and artistic appeal.

**7. GENERAL CONDITIONS**: Entrants agree that the Sponsors have the sole right to decide all matters and disputes arising from this Contest and that all decisions of Sponsors are final and binding. Winners, by acceptance of the Prize, agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless Contest Sponsor, as well as its parent and related companies, and each of its employees, representatives, contractors, and advertisers from any and all liability, loss, damage, cost or claim relating to any allegation regarding the acceptance or use of their prize. Any Entrant that violates the Official Rules, as determined in the sole discretion of Contest Sponsor, will be immediately disqualified from the Contest. The Contest Sponsor and related organizations, their agents and employees have no liability whatsoever for any injuries, losses, or damages of any kind by participation in the Contest. The Contest Sponsor and its related organizations may use Winner's name and likeness for advertising, fundraising, promotional or publicity purposes without further compensation.

**8. CAUTION: ANY ATTEMPT BY AN ENTRANT TO DELIBERATELY UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THE CONTEST MAY BE IN VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS AND SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE MADE, NEVADA PUBLIC RADIO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK REMEDIES AND DAMAGES (INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES) FROM ANY SUCH ENTRANT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW, INCLUDING CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.**

**10. RESTRICTIONS**: By participating in the Contest, a participant agrees to be bound by these Official Rules, and by all decisions of Nevada Public Radio as the Contest Sponsor.

**11. CONTEST SPONSOR**: Nevada Public Radio, 1289 S. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89146