



iHISTORY WW2 VIDEO CONTEST FOR TEENS LAUNCHES TODAY

Today, the Worthington Foundation launches the [iHistory WW2](#) Video Contest, a national competition to inspire teen filmmakers to capture stories from World War II veterans on film. There are 1.2 million World War II veterans still living today, but this generation is rapidly disappearing and their untold stories of bravery and sacrifice deserve to be heard. The interviews will be preserved in the permanent archives at the Library of Congress, and the teens will have the chance to win coveted prizes for themselves and their school.

Starting today, August 19, through November 20, 2013, aspiring young filmmakers (ages 13-18), can film interviews with WWII veterans about their experiences during the war. Interviews meeting the minimum standards and guidelines will be archived at the Library of Congress' [Veterans History Project](#) (VHP). The VHP was launched in 2000 and, to date, has collected nearly 90,000 veterans' oral histories, 30,000 of which are from WWII veterans.

After the interviews have been submitted to the Veterans History Project, the students will enter the second phase of the Contest (beginning October 1) where they will compete for prizes. Entrants will create mini-documentaries using portions of the veterans' interviews. Eligible films will be voted upon by the public and a panel of qualified judges for best entries. Prizes will be awarded to the top five films that demonstrate excellence in editing and creative storytelling. Prizes include: 2 Blackmagic Cinema Cameras, 2 Blackmagic Pocket Cinema Cameras, and 2 bundles of lighting, audio, and tripod equipment. The total value of combined prizes is over \$11,000. Contest winners will be announced in February 2014.

For details about the contest and Official Rules visit:

<http://www.heroes-ww2.org/>

The Contest website also provides excellent resources for filmmakers including: how to locate and interview a veteran, filming and editing techniques, links to free editing software, public domain WWII footage, and royalty-free music.

“It’s our hope that this project will help bridge the generation gap and allow teens to engage with, and learn history firsthand while also contributing to the Veterans History Project,” said Jeff Worthington, iHistory WW2 project director and CEO of the Worthington Foundation.

iHistory WW2 is part of the Worthington Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded in 2010, with the mission of assisting and inspiring youth to research American and world history, while expanding their skills in journalism and video technologies.

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