



**BROADCAST NEWS
PRODUCTION TEAM
(445)**

REGIONAL 2026

PRELIMINARY

Judge Key

TOPIC

The Power of Volunteering and Giving Back: Produce a three to five (3:00 - 5:00) minute news broadcast that educates teens on the value of community service and volunteering. Highlight how volunteering can positively impact a teen's personal growth, resume, and college applications. Feature local volunteer opportunities, school service projects, or teenagers who are actively making a difference in their communities.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. **Formulate Questions:** As a team of judges, create two to three questions to ask at the end of each presentation. *Make sure to ask the same questions to every team.* Potential questions are listed below.
2. **Presentation Details:**
 - **Setup Time:** Teams have up to three (3) minutes to set up.
 - **Presentation Time:** Teams have up to ten (10) minutes to present, followed by up to five (5) minutes for judges' questions.
 - **Completion:** Excuse the team after the judges' questions are finished.
3. **Judging Rules:**
 - **No Ties:** There can be no ties in the top 10 teams. Judges are responsible for breaking any ties.
 - **Ranking:** The administrator will fill out the ranking sheet before dismissing the judges.
4. **Scoring:**
 - Individual scores are not to be given to students.
 - Only general statements are to be shared.
 - Contestants are not allowed to ask questions.
 - Please share your comments directly online. Contestants will see these comments which will help prepare them for future competitions.
5. **Post-Presentation:**
 - **Materials:** Give any contest materials to the administrator.
 - **Audience:** No audience is allowed in the contest room.

POTENTIAL JUDGE'S QUESTIONS

1. What is one personal benefit teens can gain from volunteering?
2. Name a common place where teens can volunteer in their local community.
3. How can volunteering help build empathy?
4. What is one way volunteering can be included on a college application?

FINAL STEPS. Double-check and verify all scores.