



Lights! Camera! Learning! **Summer Learning - Request for Videos**



Lights! Camera! Learning! is a structured competition that asks afterschool programs across the state to capture on video innovative learning experiences within afterschool programs. Afterschool programs are broadly defined as programs that take place during non-school hours and the current competition focuses on **summer learning opportunities**. Programs throughout Vermont are encouraged to film innovative learning experiences taking place this summer and submit the videos to the *Lights! Camera! Learning!* project.

The resulting video vignettes will be judged by a panel of key decisions makers from throughout the state (education leaders, state and local elected officials, etc.) in an effort to recognize and award the strongest programs. Videos are then disseminated as learning tools to afterschool programs statewide so as to support the replication of best practices. Three key components are present within the *Lights! Camera! Learning!* initiative:

- 1) *Lights! Camera! Learning!* allows Vermont to create a dynamic and collaborative definition of high-quality afterschool programming that focuses on innovative learning opportunities.
- 2) The judging of video vignettes created through the *Lights! Camera! Learning!* competition engages state and local leaders in understanding the important role that afterschool can play in supporting student learning and positive educational outcomes.
- 3) *Lights! Camera! Learning!* creates a system for accessing and replicating best practices that focuses on local models.

Any organization in the state that offers programming for children and youth (ages 5-18) during the summer months is invited to submit a video entry. Multiple videos will be accepted from an organization; however, each vignette should focus on a specific offering, activity, or program within the overall project. Videos can be submitted in either the elementary or middle/ high school programming category, and videos that involve students in a significant part of the production process may be considered for an additional award.

For more details about *Lights! Camera! Learning!* and to view 2009-10 Vermont Spotlight Program videos, please visit the Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence website at www.vermontafterschool.org.

Special thanks to the afterschool programs pictured above, 2009-10 Vermont Spotlight Programs:

Edmunds Elementary After-School Enrichment Program—Burlington; Newark Street School Afterschool Program—Newark; Vergennes After School—Vergennes

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Online Submission Form:

To submit a *Lights! Camera! Learning!* entry, complete the online submission form at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QKN5325>

Questions to be answered within the online submission form:

- 1) Provide a description of the program. The description should outline the elements which speak to the program providing an innovative learning experience for participants.
- 2) How do you know the program is impacting student learning? What evaluation tools do you use to evaluate the program and what outcomes have you seen?
- 3) Is this program able to be replicated? What resources are essential for the program's success should replication be attempted by another afterschool program?
- 4) Were students involved in any of the following ways in the production of the video:
 - Strong student involvement in the planning phase of the program and/or video project.
 - Strong student involvement in the filming of the program.
 - Strong student involvement in the editing of the video.
 - Student-produced script utilized in developing video.
 - Student-led interviews within the video.

Student involvement in the production of videos is not required, but strongly encouraged. Videos that incorporate all five student-involvement components listed above may be considered for an additional award.

All submissions must be received online. Supporting documentation should be sent to: lfeal-staub@myfairpoint.net, or via postal mail to the address listed at the bottom of this document. Supporting documentation is **not** required and must be limited to three pages.

Video Guidelines:

All submissions for *Lights! Camera! Learning!* must include a video vignette of students engaged in an innovative learning experience during afterschool hours. Afterschool refers to programs that take place outside the school day and for the purpose of this round of competition are limited to summer programs. Community-based programs, school-based programs, youth organizations, and stand-alone clubs and activities are eligible to submit videos. The following guidelines should be utilized for all video submissions:

- Videos should be at least two minutes, and no longer than six minutes. Three to four minute video submissions are encouraged.
- Videos should focus on one particular program within a summer program, or a series of related programs. Videos should **not** attempt to provide an overview of an entire summer program unless the program has a specific focus (i.e. robotics program, reading or math skill building, etc.).
- Videos should not include any copyrighted materials, including music. For more information on making sure your video does not infringe someone else's copyright, see http://www.youtube.com/t/howto_copyright.
- A *Permission to Use Photograph/ Video* form for all students that appear within the video must accompany each proposal. Please use the form provided and send all permission forms to the Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence at the address listed at the end of this document.
- Strong submissions tend to include narratives from students and key individuals (e.g. program leader, teacher, principal, parent, etc.) around the value of the program. Do not include more than two narrative descriptions from individuals other than students and please limit narratives to 30 seconds each.
- Videos may be submitted online through YouTube and a direct link provided within the online submission form or sent to lfeal-staub@myfairpoint.net via [yousendit.com](http://www.yousendit.com) with an indication of such noted on the online submission form.

You Tube: <http://www.youtube.com/>

You Send It: <http://www.yousendit.com/>

For examples of past winning entries for *Lights! Camera! Learning!*, please visit the Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence online at: www.vermontafterschool.org.

Awards:

Awards will be made in two categories: elementary programs and middle/ high school programs. Within each category a first-place award will be honored as a *Vermont Spotlight Program* and will be awarded:

- Recognition at the Vermont Afterschool Conference, Killington – October 22nd
- \$1000 cash award
- Program-pack of six Flip™ video cameras (retail value approximately \$1000)
- Video and supporting materials posted on Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence website
- Recognition through the following forums: Vermont Afterschool wiki, local press release, and future promotional materials for *Lights! Camera! Learning!*

Timeline:

May 10, 2010	Competition announced
May 20, 2010 11:00 am	Webinar to answers questions and provide support Pre-registration required – email lfeal-staub@myfairpoint.net to register
August 31, 2010	Online applications due
October 22, 2010	Awards announced at the Vermont Afterschool Conference Killington, Vermont

Questions:

Questions should be directed to the Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence:

Lynne Feal-Staub – 802-579-6012 or lfeal-staub@myfairpoint.net

Website address: www.vermontafterschool.org

Five step checklist to submitting a *Lights! Camera! Learning!* video:

- Video an innovative learning experience in action!
- Collect release forms for all students that appear in video.
- Upload video to YouTube or submit through yousendit.com.
- Complete online submission form - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QKN5325>
- Mail in student releases and supporting documentation.

All submissions must be received by 5pm on Tuesday, August 31, 2010 via the online application system.

Additional materials and Permission to Use Photograph/ Video Forms should be sent to:

Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence
c/o CVEDC-ESA
Attn: Holly Morehouse
163 South Willard Street, P.O. Box 670
Burlington, Vermont 05402-0670



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Permission to Use Photograph/ Video

Please return this form to the afterschool program coordinator

Name of Program: _____

School/ Organization: _____

Name of Child: _____

I grant to the Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence, its representatives, employees, affiliates, and those acting under their permission, the irrevocable right to use and publish photographs and/or videos of the child named above in connection with the above-mentioned program.

I authorize the Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence to publish, distribute, exhibit, copyright, and license photographs and/or videos of the child named above in connection with the above-mentioned program in print and/or electronically for the purpose of promoting the Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence and its activities.

I hereby transfer and assign to the Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence any and all rights, title, and interests that I may have related to photos and/or videos of the child named above in connection with the above-mentioned program. I agree that the Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence will have the perpetual right to copy, reproduce, display, publish, edit, modify, assign, license, and register for copyrights and trademarks, distribute, sell, and otherwise use photographs and/or videos of the child named above in connection with the above-mentioned program.

I further affirm that I am the parent or guardian of the child listed above. I have read and fully understand the above agreement.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

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