



Creating “Emmy®-Worthy” Work:

1. Produce good work (just stating the obvious!) Interesting, quirky, different, out-of-the-ordinary, funny, dramatic, sad: MEMORABLE...many of these kinds of entries often do well with judges.
2. Remember content counts! Don't get so caught up in effects and flash that you lose sight of the content. For News and Program entries, you're being judged on 3 areas: content, creativity and execution. Winning entries will be strong in all 3.
3. Ask friends, co-workers, colleagues which projects they remember most from the past year. They may think of something you had forgotten about. Likewise, if nobody remembers a piece you're thinking of submitting, perhaps you need to reconsider.
4. For craft composites, submit only your best work. Sometimes entrants throw in pieces that aren't as strong and that can pull down the overall score.
5. Shorter is better – especially for Craft composite entries or those Program Achievement entries that require more than one example of work. Your work is more likely to be viewed in its entirety instead of judging panels opting to use the 25% viewing rule.
6. Be sure you choose the right category. If you're not sure, call a more experienced Emmy person, Board member, Awards Chair, previous recipient and ask their opinion. Entering a great piece in the wrong category hurts its chances, a lot.
7. WRITE A COMPELLING SUMMARY in the description field online. Use this. This is the opportunity to 'speak' directly to the judges about things that might matter to them. They are creative professionals just like you. Tell them what it took to get the project completed. If you pulled an all-nighter, had to travel, had no-budget, no time, no resources, you edited in the hospital waiting room while your wife was having a baby...whatever. Tell them like you are in the room with them. It might strike a chord and matter to them. Make sure though that it is not too long – make it concise and short! If you are submitting a composite, include in the description field a list of all the segments included in the entry.
8. Choose truly original work – not something everyone is duplicating. Show off what YOU do best.
9. Get involved. Participate in your local chapter, learn more about the process, be a judge. Knowledge is power. Pay attention to the kinds of things that win...and the kinds of things that do not.
10. If you were an Emmy judge, what type of work would you want to see? Enter the kind of story that when you're done judging, you want to show it to your friends and coworkers. So strive to put something together that will be that memorable and impactful.
11. Check your submission for editing glitches and errors. Check for transfer errors. Amazingly enough entries are sent with low audio, no audio, huge glitches or with NOTHING on them. Don't just spot check the online video. Play it back all the way.