

# 811 Video Contest Rules and Guidelines

## VIDEO CONTEST OVERVIEW

**Contact 811 before you dig** is an easy message and applies to everyone: individuals, families, neighborhoods and even the construction industry. It is also the law. This easy practice helps protect our communities and the environment, and helps to prevent damages to pipelines below ground.

The 811 Video Contest provides an easy way for teachers to incorporate safety education into classroom curriculum. Participation creates student leaders who understand why contacting 811 is important. Contest entries should be submitted at [811contest.org](https://811contest.org). Curriculum resources can be found at [energysafeleaders.org](https://energysafeleaders.org).

### CONTEST JUDGING AND PRIZES

Entries will be judged on how students effectively communicate the theme: **Safety is in your hands. Every dig. Every time.** Videos should express the student's ideas in a positive and constructive design. **Extra** points will be awarded for showing why respecting utility markers is important. Student leaders can prepare for the contest by learning about safety at [energysafeleaders.org](https://energysafeleaders.org).

Entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges comprised of educators and experts from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and/or the National Energy Foundation (NEF). By entering this contest, entrants agree to be bound by the decisions of the judges, which are final.

- All entrants will receive an 811 drawstring backpack.
- One grand prize and 11 honorable mention winners will be selected.
- Entry deadline is April 1, 2026. Winners will be notified in May 2026.
- Prizes are not transferable, cannot be substituted, or exchanged for cash.

Visit [811contest.org](https://811contest.org) to upload entries.

### PRIZES:

- One grand prize individual or individuals in a team of two will (each) receive a laptop computer (valued up to \$1500).
- Eleven honorable mention winners will each receive an \$81.10 gift card.
- The teacher of the grand prize winner will receive an \$811 educational award!



### Step 1:

Create a unique video.

### Step 2:

Fill out the jotform.

### Step 3:

Submit!