

DREAM STORY - VIDEO GUIDE

BAHAMIAN DREAM CHALLENGE

What it is

Show us your Bahamian Dream - up to three minutes. Documentary, spoken word, animation, music, or short film all qualify.

Before you start

- Pick the format that fits your dream, not the fanciest one you can attempt.
- Write a simple outline or storyboard before filming - even five bullet points helps.
- A phone camera is completely fine - production value is not scored.

Filming tips

- Film horizontally (landscape), not vertically.
- Find good natural light - face a window, avoid backlight.
- Find a quiet space - background noise is the most common issue judges mention.
- Keep it under 3 minutes - tighter is usually stronger than longer.

Structure ideas

- Hook in the first 10 seconds - don't open with a slow introduction.
- Show, don't just tell - use real places, people, or objects from your life.
- End on your "build" - what you are prepared to do about the dream.

Technical specs

- Format: MP4 preferred.
- Length: 3:00 maximum.
- How to submit: see Entry Form Requirements (next section) - link submission recommended over file upload.

What judges look for

- Common score (70%): authentic voice, clear vision, Bahamian relevance, personal commitment.
- Track score (30%): storytelling.

Reminder for students: production value is not scored. A phone video with a strong, honest story beats a polished video with a weak one.