



TIPS TO CREATING A SUCCESSFUL AUDITION VIDEO

Whether this is your first time submitting a video audition or have already done a few, here are some little technical tips to ensure you can easily create the best video possible with minimal troubleshooting:

1. **Read the audition requirements carefully:** Always start by carefully reading the self-taped submission/audition requirements posted on the notice to make sure that you have everything that is needed.
2. **Get off-book before recording:** Memorize your monologue before recording. You want to try to give a performance and not a “read” on video. When your eyes drop down to the page to search for a line, it takes everyone out of the terrific moments you’re sharing.
3. **Choose a quiet setting:** Make sure that there is no distracting noise getting in the way of recording the audio.
4. **Background:** This can be difficult since we are mostly in our homes these days but attempt to have as clean and plain of a background as you can. Pictures, plants and other objects can often pull focus from you.
5. **Lighting:** The light source should be in front of you and not in shot. Be aware of shadows if dealing with angled lighting. If you're recording during the day, stand close to the window to get the natural light. In the evening avoid fluorescent or high contrasting lighting.
6. **Camera placement:** Try to make sure your camera is at eye level and make sure your recording device is on a secure surface to avoid shaky footage.
7. **Clothing choices:** Choose whatever you are most comfortable with or whatever is most appropriate for the monologue. Just keep it simple. If wearing a t-shirt make sure it is plain with no logos or patterns; avoid white and black if you can (White shirts reflect too much and black can create a distracting "floating head" look, especially if your background is dark).
8. **Camera mode:** Whether you are recording on your phone, iPad or computer, make sure your camera is in “landscape” mode, not “portrait.”
9. **Introduction:** Use the introduction as a chance to show a little of your personality to the directors who will be watching. Look directly into the camera for the introduction.
10. **Point of focus:** During your monologue try to keep from looking at the camera directly and place your viewpoint slightly to the left or right of the camera lens.
11. **Editing:** After all your material is recorded, edit out any excess footage if you can. This will help reduce the overall size of the file and ensure a quicker upload for you.

12. Sending your audition video: Do not attach your audition video directly to the email and send it. This will cause a longer upload time on your end, and it will slow things down substantially on theirs. Use any number of free video platforms such as YouTube, Google Drive, Vimeo or Dropbox as they are the most common. Once you have successfully uploaded your video to one of these video platforms, copy the link of the video and email it to the address provided with the submission information.

***NOTE:** If uploading your audition video to YouTube, make sure to mark it as “unlisted” in the settings. Those receiving your video link may have difficulties viewing it if you mark it as “private.”