

# Evaluation Process for Region IV Design Competitions

We offer two types of design competitions. The National Design Competitions are for those designs that have been produced at your college or university and the designers have been nominated for this competition. These nominations may come from the student's faculty or the production respondent who has viewed the show and found the designs to be meritorious. The important aspect is that the designs have been realized. Winners from this competition will advance on to the National festival at the Kennedy Center.

There is a lot of great student design work in classes that may not have been realized on stage. The second competition was created for that work for that work and is open to any student who wishes to enter these design projects. A student may wish to enter a design that was produced but production photos are not permitted so that all entries will have the same advantage. Winners of this Regional Competition are awarded cash prizes.

At the festival your work is evaluated by professional designers and teachers who come to our festival from all over the country. Students will be assigned a panel to display their entries. Most, but not all, of the competitions will have a preliminary round and then a finalist round. Students sign up for a time in the preliminary round that they will talk to one of the teams of judges about the design. The teams of judges then collectively select those entries that will go on to the final round and the times for these presentations are assigned by the regional committee. Afterward, the gallery will be closed and the guest judges will decide upon the awards which are announced after the Friday evening performance.

All entries remain on display in the gallery until Saturday afternoon. Early removal of projects is not permitted so if you must leave the festival early you will need to have someone else take down your display