



Portland Community Media Center

How to Become a Youth Producer (Ages 8 to 15)

You've got a great video (or video idea), and you want to share it with the world. So how do you get it made? And how do you get it on Open Signal's channels?

Youth can't produce a show using Open Signal's HD Studios until they're 16. However, there are many other ways that Open Signal can help you get the resources you need to make your ideas a reality (and put them on-air)!

Making a Show with Open Signal's Equipment

Every trimester, Open Signal offers low-cost workshops for youth 8-15, where they can learn camera basics, audio and lighting skills, video editing, animation techniques and more. (We also have summer camps where you can hone these skills.)

Once you've taken these classes, you can check out the equipment for free from Open Signal, giving you the ability to craft your own productions. Here's what to do:

1. Register for one of our classes.
2. Watch our New Producer Orientation video. Take your parent or guardian with you—we need them to sign off too!
3. Check out equipment and start making videos. You can now submit videos to Open Signal TV and get your work played on our channels.

Submitting Your Own Content to Open Signal

If you'd like to submit a video you've made without Open Signal's help to our channels, all you need to do is watch our NPO video and you'll be able to submit your work.

If you have any questions, contact Media Education Manager Elisa Barrios at ebarrios [at] opensignalpdx.org.