

Tips and Hints for a Successful Self-Submission Audition

Below are a couple of resources for students looking to produce a self-tape for upcoming auditions.

Recording

For your tape, consider the following best practices:

- Use a blank background
- Have confidence in material
- Set up a steady camera for a clean take free of extraneous noise/distraction
- Set the camera at EYE level (iPhone and Androids work great)
- Use natural light where possible for a well-lit face
- Follow the specifications of the audition announcement details when they become available
- Use a computer or a phone to upload and send the video file.

Editing

To make basic edits (trimming the top and tail of your video), try using iMovie or Windows Video Editor.

Uploading

Upload your clips to YouTube, Vimeo (<https://vimeo.com/upload>), or GoogleDrive. MAKE SURE YOUR VIDEO SETTINGS ARE SET TO PRIVATE – use a private YouTube account, set your Vimeo link to a “Private” (this even comes with a password), or use GoogleDrive to privately invite someone to view the link.

Submitting

Submit your video link via the online audition form [here](#) or copy this link into your browser: <https://bit.ly/2RZ7HIN>. If you have difficulty with permissions on the form access, login to your Purdue email via office.com using your regular email login/password in a separate browser tab.

Resources

This 2018 article in *Backstage* covers a lot of what goes into submitting sides for film, TV, and commercial auditions. This is a good example of an industry standard for when/if students decide to move forward with self-submissions to casting directors or even agents.

<https://www.backstage.com/magazine/article/tips-winning-self-tape-audition-13472/>

This 2015 article has good basic advice a video tutorial for basic set up. It is quite a bit of information and may be overwhelming for these purposes but does cover a bit about editing material and uploading.

<https://www.spotlight.com/news-and-advice/tips-and-advice/how-to-self-tape/>