



# **2026 Innovation Challenge & Showcase**

## **Submission Guide**



## How to Complete the Online Form

## **Step 1: Preview the Online Form**

- **Navigate to [innovationsc.org](https://innovationsc.org)**
- **Review the submission requirements**
- **Browse past winners for inspiration**

## **Step 2: Prepare Innovation Information**

- **You must have approval from your supervisor to submit an innovation**
  - **Take photos and film your (highly recommended) YouTube video of the innovation in-use**
- **Organize any cost/material lists if applicable**

## **Step 3: Complete the Online Form**

- **Return to the [innovationsc.org](https://innovationsc.org) site**
- **Fill in the required fields on the online form —  
tell the story of your innovation's creation  
and it's benefit to SCDOT**
  - **Submit your form**



## How to Film, Upload & Link a YouTube Video

# Step 1: Film Your Innovation

- Use a smartphone to take a video (less than 5 minutes) of your innovation in-use
- Try to hold the camera steady and walk slowly to keep your innovation in focus
  - Consider having someone else film you using/explaining the innovation
- Try to reduce background noise to allow for clear audio

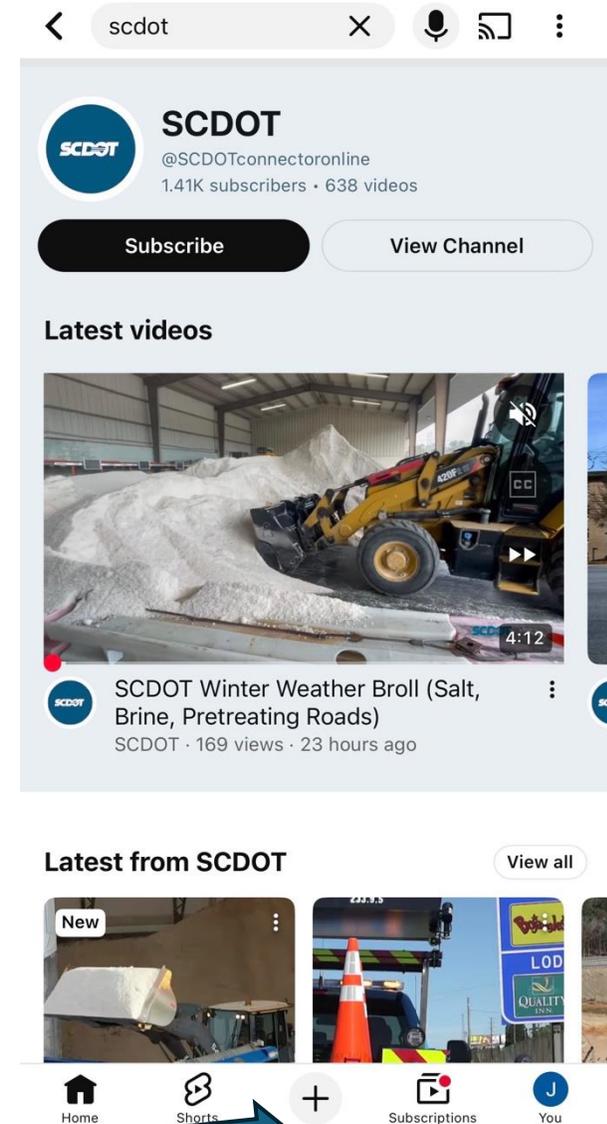
## Step 2: Log-in to YouTube

- **Download the YouTube app on the same smartphone and login/create an account**

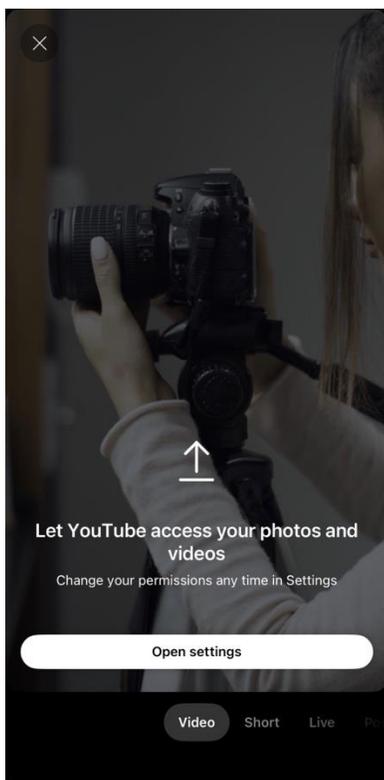


# Step 3: Click the Upload Button

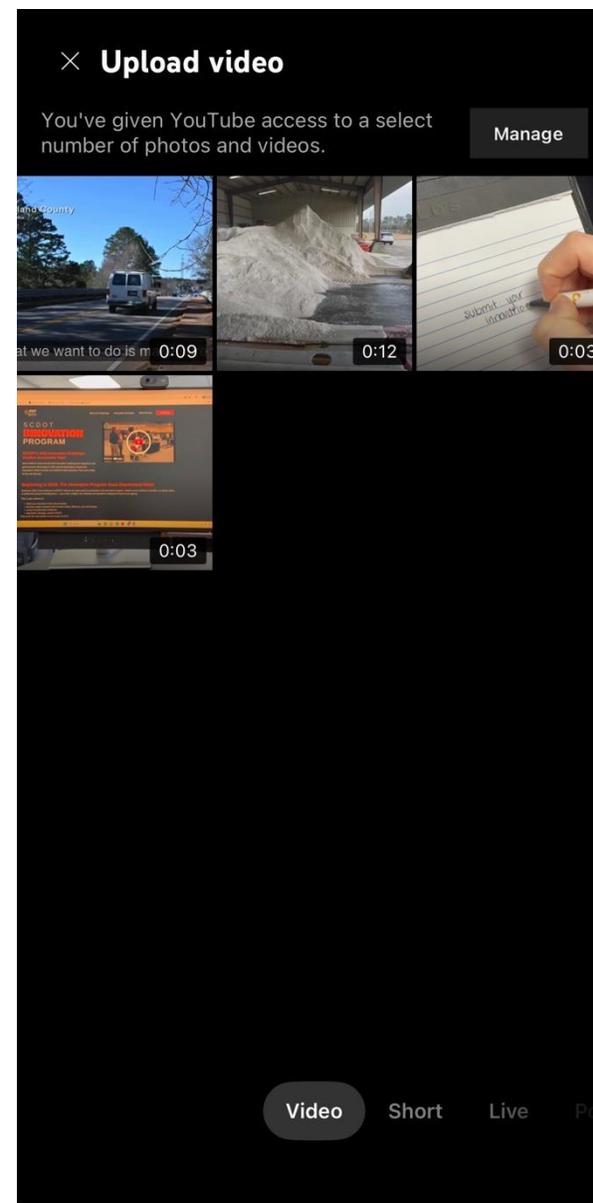
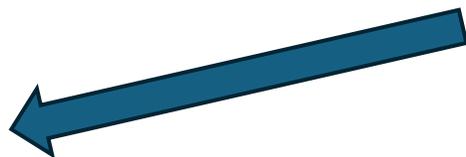
This may say “upload”  
or look like a + at the  
bottom of the page.



# Step 4: Select the Video of Your Innovation



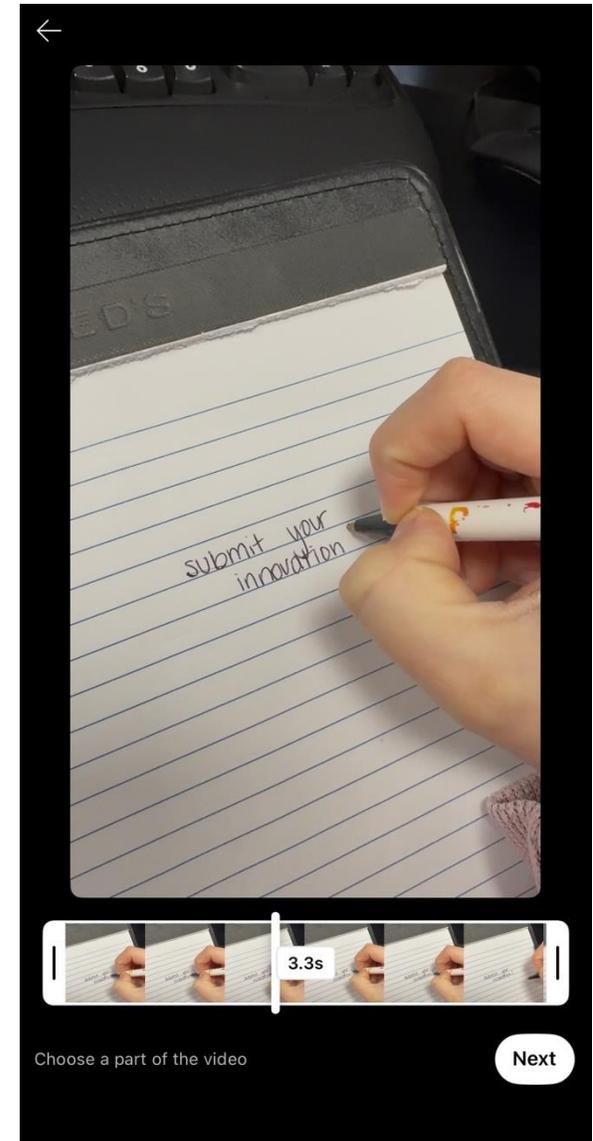
If your videos do not appear, you may need to allow YouTube permission to access your camera roll.



## Step 5: Trim the Video If Needed

After you trim the video and click “next”, you may be prompted to add text or music. Just skip and click “next” again.

**We want to see and hear your full video!**



# Step 6: Add Finishing Touches

Title your video with the name of any submitters and the name of your innovation as it will appear on the form.

**Make sure the visibility is changed to unlisted.**

If it is private, we can not see it!

If it is public, the whole world can see it.

Finally, press upload.

< Add details

Title  
Type your name and the name of your innovation here!

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Visibility  
Unlisted >

Select audience >

Show more ▾

Regardless of your location, you're legally required to comply with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) and/or other laws. You're required to tell us whether your videos are made for kids. [What's content made for kids?](#)

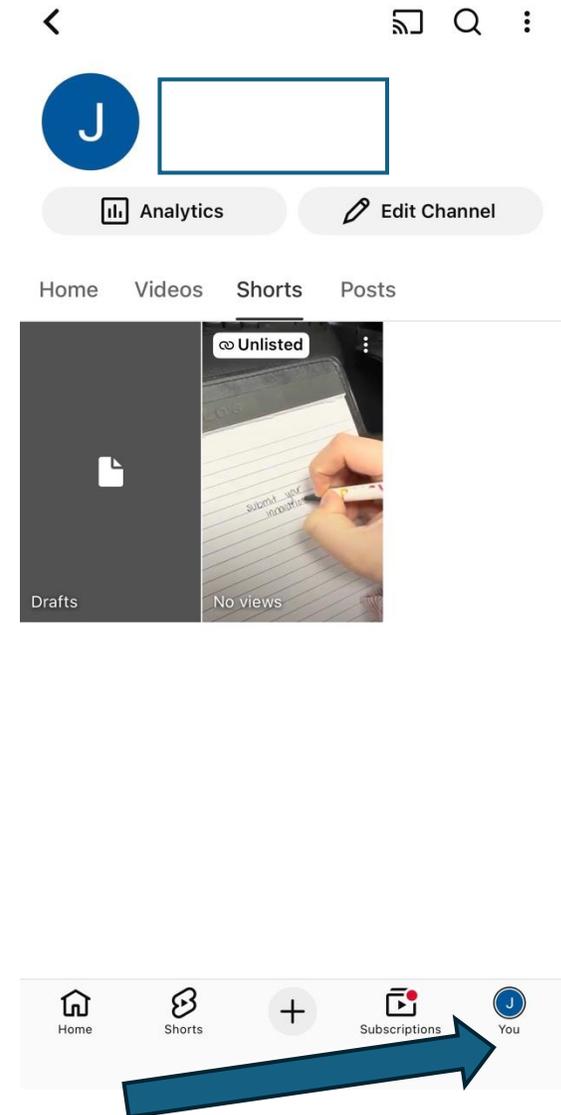
Upload Short

# Step 7: Find Your Video

It may take a few minutes for your video to fully upload.

Go to your account and look under “videos” or “shorts” to find it.

Once it has fully uploaded, click on your video to watch it in fullscreen!



## Step 8: Copy the Link

Click the “share” button on your video.

Select “Copy link” from the panel of options.

Then, you may paste the link in the textbox on the innovation submission form.

