



# **Proof of Residency and ID Policies**

## Manhattan Neighborhood Network Policies



Welcome to Manhattan Neighborhood Network (MNN)! All of us at MNN appreciate your involvement with the country's largest community media center and look forward to welcoming you to our facilities, our channels, our classes and our events.

MNN's mission is to ensure the ability of Manhattan residents to exercise their First Amendment rights

through moving image media to create opportunities for communication, education, artistic expression and other noncommercial uses of video facilities on an open and equitable basis.

In providing services, we seek to involve the diverse racial, ethnic and geographic communities of Manhattan in the electronic communication of their varied interests, needs, concerns and identities.

MNN is responsible for administering public access cable TV services in Manhattan and aims to promote localism, diversity and independent non-commercial media.

MNN is an independent, non-profit organization that is privately funded and privately operated. MNN is not a cable company, a subsidiary of any cable company, or a New York City or New York State agency.

### *What We Do*



For nearly 25 years, MNN has been providing media education classes, media production equipment and free access to community cable TV channels to Manhattan residents and community-based organizations.

In 2016 alone, MNN posted some 4,000 enrollments in our media classes, making MNN the largest media educator in New York City. In that same year, nearly 1,200 Manhattan

community producers checked out media equipment from our two locations – one on the west side of Manhattan and the other in East Harlem.

MNN also runs a wide range of services and media initiatives aimed at meeting the diverse communication needs and interests of Manhattan neighborhoods and communities. Since 2000, MNN's Youth Media Center has provided media skills and education to young people ages 15-25 and produces and curates a five-hour block of programming each week.

MNN administers and manages four themed public access channels as well as an HD public access channel. In 2015, MNN aired more than 10,000 hours of locally generated TV programs.

MNN is proud to be one of the largest cablecasters of original content in the United States.

**These channels are:**

- **MNN 1 Community (TWC 34 & 1995, RCN 82, FiOS 33):** Stay up-to-date on local elections, New York politics and community issues with MNN's Community channel.
- **MNN 2 Lifestyle (TWC 56 & 1996, RCN 83, FiOS 34):** Exercise your mind, body and palate with entertainment and lifestyle programming for New Yorkers with diverse interests.
- **MNN 3 Spirit (TWC 1997, RCN 84, FiOS 35):** MNN's Spirit channel broadcasts varied religious and philosophical programs, lectures and discussions for all faiths and worldviews.
- **MNN 4 Culture (TWC 67 & 1998, RCN 85, FiOS 36):** Multi-lingual programming that covers the arts, politics and global news for all of Manhattan's diverse communities.
- **MNN 5 HD (TWC 1993, FiOS 37):** MNN's HD channel brings you the best MNN shows in High Definition. MNNHD is the **only** HD channel available for community use!

MNN also produces the cable and digital channel NYXT.nyc (pronounced next dot n.y.c.). Presented in partnership with more than 60 Manhattan community-based organizations, NYXT.nyc shines a spotlight on groups that are working to connect people and build neighborhoods. NYXT.nyc is available on TWC 1992, FiOS 38, and online at nyxt.nyc.

MNN may also curate additional cablecast channels aimed at providing newly presented and produced non-commercial, independent programming.

## *MNN's Values and Principles*



MNN is a place of education, learning and creativity. We are non-commercial and committed to serving Manhattan residents and community-based organizations. We believe in inclusivity, diversity and mutual respect and aim to empower people and communities through media access.

In seeking to facilitate a diversity of viewpoints, we ask our broader community and participants to be mindful of our values and to treat each other respectfully as we all work together to build community through engaged and impactful media.

### *Some Helpful Terms in Understanding MNN*

**Certified Producer:** A Manhattan resident that has taken and passed an MNN media education class and is certified to use MNN facilities and/or equipment in order to create programming to air on MNN's designated public access channels.

**Sponsor:** An individual who submits the MNN Program Agreement for MNN's designated public access channels and who is legally responsible for the program and its content. **Every program that airs on MNN must have a sponsor.**

Sponsors can also be Certified Producers but **are not required** to be Certified Producers or Manhattan residents. MNN's Programming Department requires that all Sponsors submit Proof of Residency and ID for our records and in order to obtain a time slot on one of MNN's channels.

A Sponsor cannot have more than one program on MNN. Certified Producers and Sponsors and their guests must abide by MNN's Code of Conduct and Community Standards.

**Please note:** Sponsors and Certified Producers may not represent themselves as MNN employees or representatives.

## MNN's Proof of Residency and ID Policy



In keeping with our mission of supporting media diversity and localism, MNN classes and facilities are open to Manhattan residents. Non-Manhattan residents are also invited to become Sponsors and to submit programming that will air on one of MNN's five community channels, pending the submission of proof of residency and ID.

Satisfactory verification consists of valid photo identification with an up to date address. If the address is not up to date please provide documents from Group I and/or Group II:

Group I: (1 document needed)

- a. Cable bill
- b. Gas bill
- c. Electric bill
- d. Telephone bill (Land line)

Group II: (2 documents needed)

- a. Monthly bank statement
- b. Cell phone monthly billing statement
- c. Credit card monthly billing statement
- d. Health insurance monthly billing statement
- e. Student loan monthly billing statement
- f. Employment/unemployment pay stub
- g. Medicare/Social Security monthly statement
- h. Rent billing statement
- i. Current tax return
- j. Retirement plan statement