

## Accepted Media And Format Standards

Use the highest quality recording equipment available to you, including audio recorders, cameras and digital devices. The Library of Congress requires submission of unedited materials in their original format. Record only one interview per media. Do not write on, add labels to or copy protect any CD or DVD. Do not modify previously created content prior to submission. Please contact [vohp@loc.gov](mailto:vohp@loc.gov) to confirm acceptability before donating material in a format other than those listed. Contact VHP for information regarding conducting remote interviews.

**Recordings must be at least 30 minutes in length.**

**VHP accepts the following media:**

- DVD-R
- CD-R
- USB (thumb/flash) drives
- Digital Video (DV) MiniDV, DVCAM, DVCPRO
- Audio Cassettes

**Use the following file extensions when creating new content:**

WAV (audio)	on CD-R or a USB (thumb/flash) drive Specifications: 96 kHz, 24-bit (suggested) or 44.1 kHz, 16-bit
MPEG-2/MPG (audio/video)	on DVD-R or a USB (thumb/flash) drive Specifications: the highest quality equipment allows.
MPEG-4/MP4 (video)	on DVD-R or a USB (thumb/flash) drive Specifications: the highest quality equipment allows.
MOV (video)	on DVD-R or a USB (thumb/flash) drive Specifications: the highest quality equipment allows.
TXT/RTF (text)	on CD-R, DVD-R or a USB (thumb/flash) drive
TIF/JPG (image)	on CD-R, DVD-R or a USB (thumb/flash) drive Specifications: minimum 300 ppi, 600 ppi (suggested)

### Mobile Device Recordings

VHP media and format requirements are compatible with available applications on most mobile devices. Always choose a quiet, indoor location, and test device before recording the full interview (external microphones recommended). Please contact [vohp@loc.gov](mailto:vohp@loc.gov) to confirm acceptability before donating material in a format other than those listed.

#### For iOS Users (iPad, iPhone, iTouch)

- Use “Camera” App for video recordings
- Set default video format to MOV
- Use “Voice Memo” App for audio recordings
- Set audio quality to Lossless.
- Import recordings through “Photos” App
- Submit recordings to VHP on either CD/DVD or USB (thumb/flash) drive

#### For Android Users

- Use “Camera” App for video recordings
- Set default video format to 3GP
- Use a voice recording app for audio recordings
- Set audio quality to at least 44.1 kHz (16-bit). The 96 kHz (24-bit) setting is ideal.
- Import recordings through USB Cable
- Submit recordings to VHP on either CD/DVD or USB (thumb/flash) drive

Visit [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets) for the latest, detailed mobile device recording instructions.