SignUpGenius Brand Voice & Messaging Guide

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1. Strategic Foundation

Mission

To empower people to change the world, together.

Brand Vision

Help customers **Simplify** so they can **Amplify.**
When logistics are simple, impact grows.

Core Values

These are used internally more than customer-facing.

- Respect
- Growth
- Innovation
- Fun
- Change

Core Positioning

SignUpGenius is the simple, powerful platform that helps organizers coordinate people, events, and fundraising without chaos.

We remove friction so organizers can focus on impact, not logistics.

SignUpGenius is an all-in-one solution for the everyday organizer.

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2. Business Priorities (Message Drivers)

Our voice and messaging must directly support business goals.

Priority Ranking

1. Net new organizer acquisition
2. Suite adoption (multi-product usage)
3. Paid upgrades
4. Enterprise growth

2.1 Net New Organizer Acquisition (Primary Focus)

We are optimizing for **new sign up creation above all.**

Sign ups are:

- Our core product
- Our entry point
- The beginning of the organizer flywheel
- The behavior that drives retention and monetization

Messaging implications:

- Reduce perceived effort
- Normalize everyday organizers
- Remove intimidation
- Emphasize speed and simplicity

Primary CTA bias:
Create a Sign Up
Start for Free

The first step is always a sign up.

2.2 Suite Adoption (Cross-Sell)

Payments powers the suite.

Once organizers enable Payments (via Stripe), they unlock:

- Tickets
- Donations
- Auctions
- Higher lifetime value

Messaging implications:

- Position Payments as a natural next step
- Emphasize consolidation (“all in one place”)
- Reduce Stripe friction with clarity and reassurance

Core framing:
Already organizing? Now collect payments in the same place.

2.3 Paid Upgrades

Paid plans are positioned as:

- Efficiency multipliers
- Professionalism enhancers
- Control unlocks

We avoid aggressive SaaS language.
We focus on benefits, not features.

Example framing:
Unlock more control.
Customize your experience.
Remove ads. Add flexibility.

2.4 Enterprise Growth

Enterprise messaging is:

- Confident
- Precise
- Segmented

It should not dilute everyday organizer simplicity.

We do not lead with enterprise.
We support it strategically.

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3. The Organizer Flywheel

Create a sign up
→ Share it
→ Fill participation
→ Add payments
→ Run more events
→ Adopt more tools
→ Become a repeat organizer

Our messaging must reinforce this progression.

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4. Brand Personality

Our voice rests on three pillars:

4.1 User-Friendly

We make organizing intuitive.

We are:

- Simple
- Clear
- Approachable
- Efficient

We are not:

- Complicated
- Overly technical
- Verbose
- Confusing

Principles:

- Reduce cognitive load
- Avoid jargon
- Guide without overwhelming
- Use structured steps

4.2 Supportive

We understand organizing is often done by busy volunteers.

We are:

- Encouraging
- Understanding
- Reassuring
- Calm

We are not:

- Dismissive
- Rushed
- Judgmental

We provide solutions, not just instructions.

4.3 Empowering

We instill confidence.

We are:

- Expert
- Motivating
- Confident
- Action-oriented

We are not:

- Condescending
- Overbearing
- Uncertain

We help people feel capable of leading.

Anyone can create a sign up.

5. Emotional Positioning

Our emotional blend:

Primary:
Calm + Capable

Secondary:
Energized + Motivating

Calm + Capable

We sound:

- Structured
- In control
- Clear
- Steady

We do not sound:

- Hype-driven
- Buzzword-heavy
- Chaotic

Energized + Motivating

We use:

- Forward motion language
- Confidence statements
- Encouraging tone

Energy is controlled, not loud.

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6. Fun: Internal vs External

Fun is primarily internal culture.

Externally:

- Light wit
- Subtle “Genius” language
- Controlled emoji usage in blog/social
- Occasional playful phrasing

We do not become:

- Silly
- Meme-driven
- Flippant

Fun is seasoning, not the main dish.

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7. Differentiation

Competitors are often:

- Overbuilt
- Enterprise-first
- Complex
- Fragmented

SignUpGenius is:

- Simple by design
- Built for real-world organizers
- All-in-one without complexity
- Clear and structured
- Automation-driven

How to use differentiation:

Most ___ are built for ___.
We're built for ___.

Most platforms ___.
We ___.

Contrast language examples:

- Most coordination starts complicated. Ours starts simple.
- Most tools separate scheduling from money. We connect participation and payments.
- Most ticketing tools are built for concerts. We're built for communities.
- Most systems complicate giving. We make generosity easy.
- Most auction software assumes professional staff. We assume committee leads.
- Most platforms assume scale. We assume real life.

Contrast reinforces our core identity:
Simple. Real-world. Organizer-first.

Confident, not combative.

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8. Core Message Themes

Message themes across all audiences:

1. Time & Stress Reduction
2. Participation & Engagement
3. Trust, Simplicity & Security

Pain-responsive Messaging Principles

SignUpGenius exists because organizing can feel overwhelming.

Our customers are often:

- Volunteers with full-time jobs
- Teachers managing classrooms
- Parents juggling schedules
- Coaches coordinating busy families
- Leaders trying to do more with limited time

We recognize common stress points:

- Too many emails
- People not responding
- Empty volunteer slots
- Awkward money collection
- Last-minute scrambling
- Multiple disconnected tools

Our voice should acknowledge these realities without amplifying stress.

How we respond to pain points

1. Acknowledge briefly.
2. Offer structure immediately.
3. Shift the tone from chaos to control.

Example Pattern:

Organizing shouldn't feel chaotic.
Create a sign up. Send one link. Fill your slots faster.

Or:

Stop chasing responses.
Let reminders do the work.

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9. Audience Flexibility

Voice stays consistent. Tone flexes by segment.

Teachers:
Clear, step-based, stress-reducing

Nonprofits:
Impact-driven, ROI-aware, efficient

Faith & Community:
Warm, connection-focused

Parents/PTA:
Practical, friendly, organized

Small Business:
Professional, scalable, secure

Enterprise:
Precise, confident, measurable

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10. Messaging Hierarchy

All pages and campaigns should follow this order:

Level 1: Creation
Make organizing simple.
Create your sign up in minutes.

Level 2: Participation
Fill roles faster.
Reduce no-shows.

Level 3: Monetization
Add secure payments.
Collect donations and sell tickets.

Level 4: Expansion
Manage admins.
Track reporting.
Run auctions.

We lead with creation of a sign up.

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11. Headline Formulas

Common structures:

Benefit. Contrast. Outcome.
Make organizing simple.

Problem → Relief
Maximize your impact. Minimize the chaos.

Action-forward
Create a Sign Up
Start for Free
Sell Tickets Now

Avoid vague CTAs when possible.

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12. Writing Style Rules

Reading level: Grade 8–10

Sentence structure:
Mix short and medium-length sentences.

Conventions:

- Oxford comma
- Contractions allowed, but limited
- Emojis in blog, email, and social only
- “Sign ups” is always two words

Avoid:

- Overly long paragraphs
- Dense feature stacking
- Enterprise jargon on B2C pages

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13. Channel Application

Website:
Creation-first. SEO/AEO-driven. Clear structure.

Email:
Short, motivating, action-forward.

Social:
Conversational but structured. Impact-driven.

Paid Ads:
Direct outcome statements.

Customer Support:
Calm, reassuring, solution-oriented.

App Store:
Clear benefit statements. Simplicity first.

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14. Future Direction

We are expanding B2C growth.

We focus on the everyday organizer:

- Parents
- Teachers
- Nonprofit leaders
- Community volunteers
- Coaches
- Church members

Core idea:
Anyone can create a sign up.
Small organization creates real impact.

One sign up page can make a difference.

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15. Signature Lines

Bring people together. Make it simple.
Simplify so you can amplify.
Plan smarter. Save time. Rally your community.
That’s totally genius.
Super smart planning for the everyday organizer.

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16. Executive Brand Summary

SignUpGenius makes it simple for anyone to create a sign up, rally their community, and collect money — all in one place.

We are calm, capable, and built for real life.

We energize organizers to move forward with confidence.

The first step is always a sign up.
