



The 13th Chinese Bridge Speech Contest for U.S. High School Students

Date: March 31, 2018

Venue: Ballroom, Campus Center, University of Massachusetts Boston

Host: Confucius Institute at the University of Massachusetts Boston

Sponsors: Confucius Institute Headquarters/Hanban
Chinese Consulate General in New York

Co-sponsors: The Chinese Language Association of Secondary-Elementary Schools (CLASS)

Registration and Rules

1. How to register:

- 1) Complete the application form online by ~~January 31~~ **February 6, 2018**. (Link: [Application Form](#))
- 2) After submitting the application form online, email the following materials to both shuhong.wang@umb.edu and confuciusboston@gmail.com with **Email Subject:**
Your Name + HS 2018 Speech Contest
 - An audio clip/MP3 (maximum 3 minutes) of your speech
 - The script (in both Chinese and English) of your speech
 - Your photo

2. Who is eligible?

The contest is for high school students coming from non-Chinese-speaking families. Heritage students already speaking Chinese at home are not eligible. Students who have participated in a previous Chinese Bridge contest are not eligible to compete at the same level.

3. Three groups:

- Beginners Group is for students who have learned Chinese for less than 2 years;
- Intermediate Group is for students who have learned Chinese for more than 2 but less than 4 years;
- Advanced Group is for students who have learned Chinese for more than 4 years or have stayed in Chinese-speaking areas for more than 6 months.

4. Onsite competition finalists selection:

All the application materials will be reviewed by the Speech Contest Committee. 24 finalists will be invited to compete onsite on March 31, 2018 at the Confucius Institute at UMass Boston. The invitation letter will be sent out by **February 15, 2018** together with further details. Hotel room for one night will be paid by Confucius Institute if the contestants live outside of Massachusetts.

5. How to prepare yourself:

The onsite competition is composed of two compulsory parts and one optional part.

❖ Two Compulsory Parts:

1) **Speech.** The theme is China/Chinese and Me; the contestants can develop their own contents as their speech of between 2-3 minutes.

2) **Response to questions after the speech.** Each contestant will have to answer 3-5 questions asked by judges.

❖ One Optional Part:

Talent Show. Contestants are encouraged to prepare a maximum 3-minute Chinese cultural performance, such as a song, a poem, a folk dance, an instrument, calligraphy, painting, martial art, Tai Chi, etc. Finalists need to bring their own costumes and instruments to the performance.

Prizes and Awards:

1. Trophies and certificates for all winners.
2. Two winners will be recommended to participate in the Chinese Bridge Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign Secondary School Students in China. [The Confucius Institute Headquarters/Hanban](#) will cover the international airfare and all the expenses in China.
3. All winners will be eligible to participate in the 2018 Chinese Bridge Summer Camp in China. Local expenses in China will be covered by the Confucius Institute.

For any questions, please email shuhong.wang@umb.edu or baifeng.sun@umb.edu.

***Note: Incomplete applications will not be processed. No application will be accepted after ~~January 31~~ February 6, 2018.**

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