



The 14th "Chinese Bridge"
Chinese Proficiency Competition for Secondary School Students
The Eighth CLASS National Preliminary Contest on US West Coast, 2021
第十四届“汉语桥”世界中学生中文比赛
CLASS 全美预赛西部赛区 (第八届)

Date: Saturday, July 10, 2021
Platform: Online (Zoom link to be announced later)

Registration Deadline: May 20, 2021

Organizer: The Chinese Language Association of Secondary-Elementary Schools, CLASS

Sponsor: Consulate-General of the P.R.C. in San Francisco

Registration and Rules

1. The contestant must be a non-senior student currently enrolled in a Mandarin Chinese program during 2020-2021 school year at a high school that is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), or other regional accreditation institution, or is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). We accept applications for students whose teacher is a current CLASS member in ANY of the 50 states in the US, and applications from any student in the following states within the San Francisco Consular District: Northern California and the States of Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. The teacher will be responsible for submitting the application for the student. In any case, only one application is accepted from any school.
2. The contestant must be a student at the age between 15 and 18, who has grown up out of China, in a non-Chinese language home environment where neither parent speaks any dialect of Chinese. The contestant does not speak any dialect of Chinese before taking the Chinese course in school. A heritage speaker of any Chinese dialect who speaks Chinese before taking the Chinese course in school is not eligible. A contestant who has participated in previous year's contest will not be considered.
3. Based on the results of the preliminary screening and selection from all entries received by May 20, 2021, qualified finalists will be invited to participate in the online contest (**Saturday, July 10, 2021**). The 1st Place winner of the **online contest** will be recommended to represent US West Coast as a contestant in the 14th "Chinese Bridge" Chinese Proficiency Competition for Secondary School Students to be held in China (pending) during the fall semester of 2021, for which all international travel expenses will be covered by Chinese Language Education and Cooperation, CLEC. A selected teacher will be the coach and the legal guardian of the contestant during the trip between the US and China with all international travel expenses covered as well, so the contestant's parents are not expected to go, nor will they be covered in case they go on their own.
4. The theme of the competition is **Fly High with Chinese**, “追梦中文, 不负韶华” in Chinese. Students are free to develop the content based on their own language learning and life experiences. The speech must

be between three to four minutes in length. During the on-line contest, four questions will be asked immediately based on the delivered speech and the contestant must respond appropriately to those questions. Both the speech and the responses to the 4 questions are part of the performance for earning scores during the online contest.

5. In addition to the speech, the contestant is expected to prepare for a two-three minute talent show for the online contest. Forms of the talent show include Chinese song, Chinese dance, Chinese folk arts, Chinese musical instrument, Chinese painting or calligraphy, Chinese paper cutting or *Kungfu*, etc. This talent show performance will help the participant to gain extra points for the final result of the contest.

6. Submission:

To be entered into a screening for the final online contest, each application for the participant should be submitted by the teacher of the student through the Google Form (<https://forms.gle/29VGZTUeTqWXbRUk9>), which includes the following materials:

- A. completed application
- B. YouTube link to the video (3-4 minutes)
- C. file of the printable script of the speech.

7. Registration begins **on April 20th, and ends on May 20th**. The Google Form will require a scanned image of a formal portrait (or school) photo (2 inch x 2 inch /color), a student signature, a parent or guardian's signature and the recommending teacher's signature.

8. All submissions (video recording and Google form) must be received by the deadline of **May 20, 2021**.

9. We reserve the right to verify each registered student's enrollment in a Chinese program with proper accreditations and to confirm with the teacher about the recommendation before the invitation notice is sent to the contestant by email in the **middle of June, 2021**. Students who do not receive the invitation notice will not be eligible for the contest.

10. Organizing Committee

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Please note: Incomplete applications will not be processed. No late registrations will be accepted.