



全美中小学中文教师协会
CHINESE LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY- ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The Ninth “Chinese Bridge” US High School Student Chinese Speech Contest

Date: March 8, 2014

Place: University of Massachusetts Boston, Campus Center, Boston, MA USA

Sponsor: The Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban)

Co-sponsors: The University of Massachusetts Confucius Institute at Boston

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

Registration and Rules

1. Apply by January 24, 2014.
2. Each participant is required to mail or email the following materials:
 - 1) Two completed Application Forms in English and Chinese which you can download from www.umb.edu/confucius.
 - 2) A recorded and labeled audiotape or MP3 attachment (no longer than 4 minutes) of the speech you will present on March 8, 2014.
 - 3) A script (in both Chinese and English) of the recording.
 - 4) A student photo (2 inch x 2 inch in color).

***Note: Incomplete applications will not be processed. No application will be accepted postmarked after January 24, 2014.**

3. Twenty-four finalists will be invited to compete on-site on March 8. The invitation notice will be sent out by January 31, 2014, together with further details.
4. The theme of the speech is selected by the students. Students are free to develop the content based on their own experience in studying Chinese and related life experiences. (No poetry.)
5. The speech must be between 3-4 minutes in length. During the on-site contest, up to five questions will be asked immediately afterwards by judges, based on the delivered speech.
6. Students are welcome to prepare a maximum 4 minutes Chinese cultural show such as a Chinese song, a Chinese folk dance, Chinese instrument playing, traditional Chinese paper cutting, or martial art. (Optional)

7. Finalists need to bring all their own costumes and instruments to do the performance.
8. Finalists must be present on-site on March 8, 2014 to compete for the opportunity to go to China and other scholarship opportunities.
9. Three winners will be chosen to participate in the International Chinese Bridge Speech Contest for High School Students in China. Hanban, the Office of Chinese Language Council International will cover the international airfare and all the expenses in China. The participants will enjoy a great experience as well as some scholarship opportunities.
10. The contest is for high school students only. There will be three categories:
 - Beginner Group for students who have learned Chinese for less than 2 years
 - Intermediate Group for students who have learned Chinese for less than 4 years
 - Advanced Group for students who have learned Chinese for more than 4 years or have stayed in China for more than 6 months.
11. Students who have participated in a previous “Chinese Bridge” US High School Student Chinese Speech Contest are not eligible to compete in the same level again.
12. Heritage students already speaking Mandarin at home are not eligible.
13. Each school may enter up to two students for the contest. Individual school should decide how their participant(s) are selected (e.g. holding a preliminary school-wide speech contest).

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