



Confucius Institute at UNL Chinese Speech Competition



Sponsor: The Confucius Institute at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Time: September 30, 2012, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Regency Suites A & B at City Campus Student Union, UNL

Purpose: In order to promote Chinese Language and Culture in the State of Nebraska, the Confucius Institute at UNL will hold a Chinese Speech Competition. The purpose of this competition is to stimulate enthusiasm and interest for learning Chinese, and enhance understanding of the Chinese language and culture among students and others in Nebraska.

1. Eligibility

Contestants must be:

- 1) School age and older non-native Chinese speakers residing in Nebraska;
- 2) Non-native Chinese speaking students in kindergarten, elementary, middle and high school, college and graduate school;
- 3) Persons born in China Mainland, Hong Kong, Macao or Taiwan are not eligible to participate except children adopted by non-native Chinese speaking American families.

2. Registration

Registration is from August 20 - September 15, 2012. Registration can be done electronically or by mail to W205 Nebraska Hall, Lincoln, NE 68588-0542. Registration forms are available for download at the website below. Contestants can contact Angela at the Confucius Institute if help is needed.

UNL Confucius Institute website: <http://confuciusinstitute.unl.edu>

Email form and written speech to: arystrom2@unl.edu Phone: (402) 472-5370 Fax: (402)472-5372.

3. Competition

1) Division:

In order to encourage fair competition, contestants will be divided into 4 groups according to their age and background.

- A. Kindergarten and elementary school students group
- B. Middle/High school students group
- C. College and graduate students group
- D. Adult residents in Nebraska

NOTE: If the number of registered contestants in a group is below three, this group will be combined with another group.

2) Contest:

Each contestant will present a 3-5 minutes prepared speech in Chinese followed by answering 2 questions from the judges. Each contestant can choose one of the following topics for his/her speech.

- A. Friendships
- B. I like Chinese food/songs/people...
- C. My experience of learning Chinese

3) Judging:

Scores will be given after each contestant finishes his/her speech by 5 judges who are Chinese language instructors and/or native Chinese speakers. Contestants will be judged on the following categories: Voice (loudness/clarity), grammar (accuracy), fluency (no hesitations and pauses/speed), vocabulary (richness/appropriateness), and presentation (manner/attitude/connect to audience).

4) Awards:

All contestants will be awarded a certificate and a souvenir. Top winners will also be awarded an opportunity to take free HSK/YCT to be held this fall or next spring and receive cash awards as listed in the following groups:

- A. Kindergarten and Elementary School Students Group –
 - One 1st Place Prize - \$200
 - Two 2nd Place Prizes - \$100 each
 - Three 3rd Place Prizes - \$50 each
- B. Middle/High School Students Group –
 - One 1st Place Prize - \$300
 - Two 2nd Place Prizes - \$200 each
 - Three 3rd Place Prizes - \$100 each
- C. College and Graduate Students Group –
 - One 1st Place Prize - \$400
 - Two 2nd Place Prizes - \$200 each
 - Three 3rd Place Prizes - \$100 each
- D. Adult Residents in Nebraska Group –
 - One 1st Place Prize - \$400
 - Two 2nd Place Prizes - \$200 each
 - Three 3rd Place Prizes - \$100 each