

The Third Annual Chinese Speech Contest for University Students in the New England Area

Application Information and Rules

1. Apply by February 17, 2013.
 2. Each participant is required to mail or email the following materials:
 - 1) A completed Application Form which you can download from www.umb.edu/confucius
 - 2) A recorded and labeled audiotape or MP3 attachment (no longer than 3 minutes) of the speech you will present on March 23, 2013
 - 3) A transcript (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 registration will be accepted postmarked after February 17, 2013.
3. Twenty finalists (10 beginner's group, 10 advanced group) will be invited to compete on-site on March 23rd. The invitation notice will be sent out by February 23, 2013, together with further details.
 4. The theme of the speech is selected by the student. Students are free to develop the content based on their own language learning and life experiences (no poetry).
 5. The speech must be between two and three minutes in length. During the on-site contest, two questions will be asked immediately afterword by judges based on the delivered speech.
 6. Students need to prepare a maximum four-minute Chinese cultural show (such as a Chinese song, a Chinese folk dance, Chinese instrument playing, traditional Chinese paper cutting, or martial art.)
 7. Finalists need to bring all their own costumes and instruments to the performance.
 8. Finalists must be present on-site to compete for cash prizes on March 23, 2013.
 - First Prize: \$200
 - Second Prize: \$150
 - Third Prize: \$100
 9. Students who have participated in a previous Chinese Bridge New England Student Chinese Speech Contest can only participate in the competition in the advanced group.
 10. Heritage students already speaking Mandarin before taking Chinese at the university level are not eligible.

Send all required materials to: Yi.Sun001@umb.edu and Baifeng.Sun@umb.edu.

Materials can also be mailed to:

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