



The Confucius Institute at The University of Nebraska - Lincoln Chinese Speech Competition



Regular Competition Time: November 5, 2016, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Location: University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center, Ubuntu and Unity Room

In order to stimulate enthusiasm and interest for learning Chinese and to provide the learners of Chinese in the state of Nebraska an opportunity to use the language, the Confucius Institute at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will hold a Chinese Speech Competition open to all non-native learners of Chinese of all ages. This year we will also allow video submissions in a virtual competition in order to encourage participation across the state. Video submissions will be judged separately from the regular in-person competition held on November 5 at UNL, but those entered the final will also be judged at the on-site competition.

Eligibility

Contestants must be:

- 1) Non-heritage learners of Chinese in kindergarten/elementary, middle and high schools, college or others;
- 2) People born in mainland China, Hong Kong, Macao or Taiwan are not eligible to participate in the formal competition (See the note below) except ethnically Chinese children adopted by non-Chinese speaking families.

Registration and Submission

Registration for the onsite competition is until October 26, 2016, and registration for the online competition is until November 1, 2016.

Registration forms are available for download at our website listed below and can also be submitted through an online webform. Contestants may contact Pamela Snyder at the Confucius Institute for questions and assistance regarding registration.

Submissions for the online virtual competition can be done at the Confucius Institute website. Submissions for the virtual competition must also include at least one video uploaded onto the webform as your entry.

UNL Confucius Institute website web registration: <http://confuciusinstitute.unl.edu/contest>
Email registration to: jzhang59@unl.edu; Phone: (402) 472-5370 Fax: (402) 472-5372
Or mail registration form to: The Confucius Institute, PO Box 880542, Lincoln NE 68588-0542.

Competitions

There will be two competitions held in conjunction this year: an online virtual competition and a regular competition held at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln.

The regular competition will be held on November 5, 2016 at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (The specification location is to be decided). All contestants are required to attend and participate in-person

for consideration in the competition. If you are unable to attend, then you may participate in the virtual competition.

Contestants in the virtual competition will have to submit a recorded video of their speech online by November 1, 2016. Please make sure that the audio quality is clear. Video submissions with unclear audio will be disqualified. Those entered finals will be shown at the regular competition for judgement. By submitting a video for consideration, contestants agree to have their submission screened publicly at the competition held on November 5, 2016.

Categories:

In the interest of fairness, contestants will be divided into 3 groups according to their age and background for both the regular and virtual competitions.

- A. Kindergarten/Elementary group
- B. Middle/High school students group
- C. Adult/College/Graduate students group

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

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.

- Speech topic for Group A: My favorite animal / toy ... (我最喜欢的动物 / 玩具...)
- Speech topic for Group B-C: The things I like/dislike about my school(我最喜欢|不喜欢我学校的...)

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: pronunciation and intonation, relevance of content, fluency, accuracy and presentation.

Awards:

All contestants will be awarded a certificate and a souvenir. All winners will be awarded a coupon for waiving one HSK exam fee held this fall or next spring. Top winners of Speech for both video and on-site participation will receive cash awards as listed below:

Group A	Group B and C
1 st Place Prize - \$50	1 st Place Prize \$100
2 nd Place Prize - \$30	2 nd Place Prize \$60
3 rd Place Prize - \$15	3 rd Place Prize \$30

Speech Performance for Native Chinese Speakers

If you were born in mainland China, Hong Kong, Macao or Taiwan, or speak Chinese as a heritage language at home, you are welcome to participate in our Speech Performance (表演赛) by choosing any topic above. You can register by following the directions above. All contestants will be awarded a certificate and a souvenir.