

2019 Washington State Chinese Language and Talent Competition and the Qualifying Tournament for the 12th “Chinese Bridge Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign High School Students”

Competition Guide

Organizers 主办单位

- Cultural Exploration of Greater China Foundation (CE)
<http://culturalexploration.org/>
- Confucius Institute of the State of Washington (CIWA)
<http://confucius.washington.edu/>
- Chinese Language Teachers Association Washington State (CLTA-WA)
<http://www.clta-wa.org/>
- Chief Sealth International High School (CSIHS)
<http://chiefsealthhs.seattleschools.org/>
- Little Masters Club (LMC)
<http://www.littlemastersclub.org/>
- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction World Languages Program (OSPI-WL)
<http://www.k12.wa.us/WorldLanguages/default.aspx/>

Mission 宗旨

Improve the level of Chinese teaching and stimulate students' interest in learning Chinese language and culture with fun and entertaining events.

Goal 活动目标

- To acknowledge and reward the achievements of the students and teachers in learning Chinese
- To provide a positive venue for students with diverse backgrounds to come together and share knowledge of Chinese culture and Chinese learning experience
- To select qualified candidates for the “Chinese Bridge Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign High School Students” Preliminary

Note: The “Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competition, sponsored primarily by the Confucius Institute Headquarters/Hanban, provides a venue for students around the world to exchange knowledge and experience in learning Chinese language and culture. The top two of the qualifiers will be awarded full scholarships to the preliminary of the competition to be held in California. For more information about the qualifying tournament, please refer to Page 5 in this guide. For more information about the Chinese Bridge Competition, please refer to the official website of the competition at http://bridge.chinese.cn/s11/160/160_3633_1.html

Date and Time 举办日期/时间

Sunday, March 24th, 2019

Competition Time: 8:30am to 2:30 pm.

Awards Ceremony: 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm.

(Please check CE website <http://www.culturalexploration.org> for detailed and the most current event schedule)

Location 地点

Chief Sealth International High School

<http://chiefsealthhs.seattleschools.org/>

2600 SW Thistle Street

Seattle, WA 98126

Awards 奖励

All contestants can pick up a commemorative gift at the assignment center on the same day for their participation in the competition. The top three in each competition will receive scholarships (\$50 for individual contestants and \$100 for team contestants) and awards from the World Languages Division of the OSPI.

In addition, each of the top three winners of the “Chinese Bridge” Qualifying Tournament will receive a trophy, and each of the top two will receive a full scholarship to participate in the Chinese Bridge Competition Preliminary in California.

The awards ceremony will be held at the auditorium of the Chief Sealth International High School at 2:30 pm on the day of the competition. Families and friends in the community are welcome to attend the awards ceremony.

Registration Deadline 报名截止日期

Monday, March 4th, 2019

No late application will be accepted.

Registration 报名方法

To register, please click on the tag “2019 Registration” under “Language & Talent Competition” at www.culturalexploration.org. Participants will receive an automatic confirmation email upon completion of the registration process. **Please bring a copy of this confirmation email to the competition for check-in.**

Registration Fee 报名费

Each contestant is subject to a registration fee of \$5 per competition (ie, \$5 for one competition, \$10 for two, \$15 for three, and so on). The registration fee must be paid online via PayPal.

Anyone who is on the subsidized meal plan in public schools can have a reduction of registration fee. To apply, please print the form in the following link

<http://culturalexploration.org/documents/talent/2019%20Fee%20Waiver%20Form.pdf> and mail the filled-out one to the following address:

The Little Master Club
c/o Chinese Language and Talent Competition
2439 152nd Ave NE
Redmond, WA 98052

Cancellation 取消報名

If the cancellation is made before the registration deadline (March 4, 2019), the registration fee will be refunded after deducting 40% of the handling fee. If the cancellation is made after the registration deadline (March 4, 2019), it will not be refunded.

Competition Categories 比賽項目

The following competitions are based on the ages of the participants. Please click on various competitions (Chinese or English) for more details.

Lower Elementary (Grades K-2) 小学低年级组

- Group Poetry Recitation 团体诗歌朗诵
- Individual Poetry Recitation 个人诗歌朗诵
- Talent Show—Individual or Team 才艺竞赛(个人或团体)
- Chinese Singing—Individual or Team 中文歌唱比赛(个人或团体)
- Language Arts—Individual or Team 口语才艺竞赛(个人或团体)
- Drawing 绘画比赛

Upper Elementary (Grades 3-5) 小学中高年级组

- Group Poetry Recitation 团体诗歌朗诵
- Story Telling 说故事
- Talent Show— Individual or Team 才艺竞赛(个人或团体)
- Chinese Singing—Individual or Team 中文歌唱比赛(个人或团体)
- Language Arts—Individual or Team 口语才艺竞赛(个人或团体)
- Drawing 绘画比赛

Middle School (Grades 6-8) 初中组

- Group Poetry Recitation 团体诗歌朗诵
- Public Speaking 演讲
- Talent Show—Individual or Team 才艺竞赛(个人或团体)
- Chinese Singing—Individual or Team 中文歌唱比赛(个人或团体)
- Language Arts—Individual or Team 口语才艺竞赛(个人或团体)
- Drawing 绘画比赛
- Chinese Chess 中国象棋
- China Knowledge Bowl (social-studies-related questions about all things in Chinese-speaking countries and regions) 中国常识竞答

High School (Grades 9-12) 高中组

- Poetry Recitation Group 团体诗歌朗诵
- Public Speaking 演讲
- Talent Show—Individual or Team 才艺竞赛(个人或团体)
- Chinese Singing—Individual or Team 中文歌唱比赛(个人或团体)
- Language Arts—Individual or Team 口语才艺竞赛(个人或团体)
- Drawing 绘画比赛
- Chinese Chess 中国象棋
- China Knowledge Bowl (social-studies-related questions about everything Chinese) 中国常识竞答
- All about China test for the Chinese Bridge Chinese Proficiency Competition 「汉语桥」中国国情知识测验 (New)

Competition Class 比赛分级

Please note that Individual Language-Based competitions (i.e. Individual Poetry Recitation/个人诗歌朗诵, Story Telling/说故事 and Public Speaking/演讲) are divided into the following three subcategories according to the student's language level (rather than the student's family background). **These competitions are offered to learners who speak Chinese as a second language.** If you are from a native-speaking country, and you still use Chinese as your first language, please do not sign up for these competitions.

Class A: A contest of this level is for students who have advanced Chinese proficiency (or the first-place winner in a Class B contest from last year). They already accurately grasp the Chinese pronunciation and can use Chinese skillfully. Such students may have lived or vacationed in a country that uses Chinese and they have opportunity to communicate or learn in Chinese outside the classroom with other people (such as parents or relatives).

Note: The winners of the first place in the class A contests from last year can NOT sign up for the same competition. (No one will subject to this rule in the current registration for 2019 competition because no competition was held in 2017 or 2018.)

Class B: A contest of this level is for learners who have moderate Chinese proficiency (or the first-place winner in the class C contest from last year). Students competing at this level are well-spoken in Chinese, but they are still interfered by factors such as mother tongue or dialect in words or pronunciation.

Class C: • A contest of this level is for students who are beginners in Chinese proficiency. We encouraged those to compete at this level if they are not yet proficient in using Chinese to do daily conversations and **find Chinese oral presentation a big challenge.**

***Please note that the judges have the authority of promoting students in the Class B or C contests whose Chinese language skills are much higher than the level's expectation to compete again at a higher level and the scores that they have earned at the previous level will be voided. Please kindly respect judges' decisions. **The list of students who are promoted to compete in Class A or B will be posted at the administration office. Please be sure to check the list after completion of the contest.**

*** If a student is not sure about which level of competition to register for, please consult with their Chinese language teachers or the event organizer whose Contact Information is provided at the end of this guide.

“Chinese Bridge Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign High School Students” Qualifying Tournament 「汉语桥高中生中文比赛」资格赛 (New)

The qualifying Tournament is limited to high school students (Grades 9-12) and they must be enrolled in all the following three high-school-level contests. The winners will be determined based on the total scores accumulated in all the three contests.

- 1 Individual Talent Show (才艺竞赛) and/or Individual Chinese Singing (中文歌唱). (The higher scores of the two will be used in the total if a student participated in both categories).
- 2 Public Speaking, Class A or B 演讲比赛 (A 级 或 B 级)
- 3 **All about China Test 中国国情知识测验**: This test is specially set up for the " Chinese Bridge Chinese Proficiency Competition” Qualifying Tournament. Its content and competing format is different from that of the China Knowledge Bowl (中国常识竞答). It is a written test completely in Chinese and it covers Chinese history, language, culture and the national conditions of China. The link to the test range can be found in the panels located on the right of the web page for this competition.

Competition Restriction 比赛资格限制

- 1 Any individual or group who had won the first place in a contest before (except the China Knowledge Bowl) needs to take one year’s gap before signing up for the same contest at the same level. The participants of the China Knowledge Bowl are not under this restriction, which is to say, they can sign up at the same level under the same grade range regardless of their places in the past. Individuals or groups who won the first place are encouraged to participate in a higher-level contest. For example: winners of the Class B Language contests can participate in a Class A Language contest; or the Grades K-2 winners may take the challenge to participate in the Grades 3-5 contest and so on.

Note: Since this competition was not held in 2017 and 2018, this restriction does not apply to the current competition which is scheduled for 2019; this is to say, all the winners of the first place in the previous years can participate in the contests of the same category in the current registration.

- 2 The previous winners who received the full scholarships for attending the Preliminary of the Chinese Bridge Competition in California are not eligible to participate in the qualifying tournament again.

- 3 In a team competition, students from a lower-grade level can join the team at a higher grade level, i.e. Grades K-2 students can join a Grades 3-5 team, but not vice versa, i.e. Grades 3-5 students cannot join a Grades K-2 team.
- 4 The competition of Chinese Chess now only has only two grade category: the level of High School (Grades 9 – 12) and the level of Middle School (Grades 6-8). But contestants from Lower Elementary (Grades K-2) and Higher Elementary (Grades 3-5) can sign up to compete at the Middle School or the High School level.
- 5 No contestant can participate in the contest of the same category more than once, except for the Poetry Recitation. For example, if a contestant signs up to compete as an individual or in a group in the Singing contest (歌唱比赛), he/she cannot sign up to compete in another group or for another performer even as a background singer or as help with a musical instrument. However, contestants in the Individual Poetry Recitation (个人诗歌朗诵) can participate in a Group Poetry Recitation just once.
- 6 In order to develop students' ability to participate independently, parents or teachers are prohibited from offering any assistance or hint to the contestants on the side during their competition. Violators will be disqualified.

Contact Information 询问处

If you have any questions regarding the competition or need more information, please email ce2019competition@littlemasters.org.