

**The Second Jiangsu Cup High School
Chinese Speech Contest for High School Students
in the Southern States**

Contest Information & Rules

Saturday, November 4, 2017, from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Emory University, White Hall
301 Dowman Drive
Atlanta, GA 30322

Organized and hosted by:

The Confucius Institute at Emory University
Jiangsu International Culture Association, China
Jiangsu International Culture Exchange Center, China
Institute for International Students, Nanjing University, China
The Georgia Chinese Language Educators (GCLE)

Who is eligible?

Any high school student who is currently enrolled in a Chinese as a second language class at a public, private or charter school in the states of Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, North Carolina, or South Carolina is eligible to participate in this Speech Contest. *Teachers whose students would like to participate must be current GCLE members* (see below link for GCLE membership information, GCLE is a non-profit volunteer/teacher run organization). The contest is for **Non-Heritage** contestants who have *no Chinese background* (no one in the family is of Chinese heritage), *have not resided in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore or other countries* and communities where Chinese is the primary spoken language for more than 6 months, and who have been studying Chinese for between 2-4 years. *Former winners of the Jiangsu Cup Speech Contest are not eligible to participate at the same level again, but may participate at a higher level after skipping one year.* (For example: if you won an award in 2015 at Level Two, you cannot participate in 2016, but in 2017 you could participate at Level 4) All registered contestants will be categorized in the following levels:

Levels

Level 2

- 9th grade students who have studied Chinese in middle school.
- 10th grade students who started studying Chinese in the 9th grade.

Level 3

- 10th grade students who studied Chinese in middle school.
- 11th grade students who started studying Chinese in 9th grade.

Level 4

- 11th grade students who studied Chinese in middle school.
- 12th grade students who started studying Chinese in 9th grade.

Special Circumstances

- Students who studied Chinese in elementary school and in middle school will be placed in the correct level by the contest judges.
- 12th grade students who studied Chinese in middle school, will be placed in a level to be decided by the contest judges.

***GCLE reserves the right to assign any student to the level deemed appropriate by the judges.**

How many students can I recommend?

Each school is asked to limit their recommendations to **ONE** participant for each level at most (Levels 2, 3, 4) for a total of up to **Three** participants.

How to apply?

Registration begins on September 15, 2017 and **ends on October 20, 2017**. To apply for the Jiangsu Cup Georgia High School Chinese Speech Contest, students must submit a speech script in Chinese based on one of the following themes:

我和中文 / 汉语的魅力 / 我的梦想 (select one of the titles)

Speeches must last between *two and three minutes*. Each student should deliver his or her speech from memory.

Please submit your speech script electronically to Ms. Yingli Zhang at zhang30269@gmail.com **before Friday, October 20, 2017**.

Format of the Speech Contest

1. During the speech contest, each student will deliver his or her 2-3minute speech from memory.
2. After speech delivery, students will answer 2- 3 questions asked by the judges (in Chinese).
3. Judges will also ask 2-3 questions (also in Chinese) based on the cultural knowledge materials sent via e-mail prior to the contest.

Awards

Superior award (3 winners in total): The winners will receive a full scholarship for 4 weeks of summer study at various universities in Jiangsu province, including boarding. Winners will also receive a \$800 subsidy after they arrive in China.

Excellent award (6 winners in total): The winners will receive a full scholarship for 4 weeks of summer study at various universities in Jiangsu province, including boarding. In addition, the winners will also receive a \$500 subsidy after they arrive in China.

Outstanding award (9 winners in total): The winners will receive an official certificate and a gift from Jiangsu province.

Star award: All participants will receive a certificate and a gift from Confucius Institute at Emory University for their hard work and involvement. The students selected to represent their schools are all star students.

More Questions?

In order to protect the integrity of the contest and the privacy of our judges, it will not be possible to contact the judging panel directly either before or after the contest. Please direct all questions to **Ms. Yingli Zhang** at zhang30269@gmail.com or 678-640-5202.

PLEASE NOTE: While students who are from outside of Atlanta are welcome to participate in this contest, out-of-town students, teachers, and chaperones/parents are responsible for their own travel expenses.