# <u>Jiangsu Cup Chinese Speech Contest</u> for High School Students in the Southern States

# **Contest Information & Rules**

Saturday, November 5, 2016, 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 (Chinese Level 2 and higher) 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. Former winners of the Jiangsu Cup Speech Contest are not eligible to participate again. All registered contestants will be categorized in the following groups:

**Group 1 - The Non-heritage Group** includes contestants who have no Chinese background (no one in the family is of Chinese heritage), have not cumulatively resided in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong or other communities where Chinese is the primary spoken language for more than 6 months, and who have been studying Chinese for between 2-4 years. This group will be divided into categories based on years of Chinese study: Level 2 (in their second year of study), Level 3 (in their third year of study), Level 4 (in their fourth year of study and above)

**Group 2 – Resident Chinese Language Speakers Group** includes contestants who do not have any Chinese heritage but who have lived in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong or other communities where Chinese is the primary spoken language (Singapore, etc) for more than six months.

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.

#### How many students can I recommend?

Each school is asked to limit their recommendations to **ONE** participant for each level (Group 1 (Level 2, Level 3, and Level 4), and group 2) for a total of **Four** candidates at most.

### How to apply?

Registration begins on September 20, 2016 and ends on October 21, 2016. To apply for the Jiangsu Cup Georgia Chinese Speech Contest for High School Students in the southern States, students must submit a speech script in Chinese based on the following theme:

我的中文故事/我喜欢学中文/我和中文

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 Mrs. Yingli Zhang **at** <u>zhang30269@gmail.com</u> before Friday, October 21, 2016.

### **Format of Contest**

- During the speech contest, each student will deliver his or her speech from memory;
- After each speech, the contestants will answer 2- 3 questions asked by the judges (in Chinese);
- Lastly, each student will answer 2-3 questions asked by the judges (in Chinese) taken from the cultural knowledge materials sent via e-mail before November 5.

## Awards

There will be two groups, as described above (Group 1: Non-Heritage (Level 2, Level 3, and Level 4 and above, Group 2: Resident Chinese Language Speakers) with the possibility of 12 awards, in total. Each category will have one 1<sup>st</sup> place award, one 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and one 3<sup>rd</sup> place award. The awards are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Fully-paid one-week trip to Jiangsu in early June 2017 and Gift (\$120.00 value)

 $2^{nd}$  Place: Gift (\$80.00 value) and fully-paid one-week trip to Jiangsu in early June 2017 (*if the*  $1^{st}$  *place winners are unable to travel*)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Gift (\$50.00 value)

All participants will receive a small gift from Confucius Institute at Emory University for their hard work and involvement.

### **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: **Mrs. Yingli Zhang** at <u>zhang30269@gmail.com</u> or 678-640-5202.