

2008 STARTALK Presentation Contest Rules

Theme: Language Gateway to the Future

1. Presentation must be between three (3) and seven (8) minutes in length.
2. If needed, electronic presentations should be provided in a Power Point file and either emailed to cal-startalk@hotmail.com or brought to the convention on a USB memory stick.
3. Presentations can be on any subject as long as it relates to Chinese language and cultures. Examples might include a brief topical Chinese society, a Chinese traditional costume fashion show, a humorous skit depicting a culture difference interaction, etc.
4. The theme "Language Gateway to the Future" is not required to be part of the presentation.
5. A completed presentation summary including the time required should be sent to cal-startalk@hotmail.com no later than Aug 3, 2008.
6. No student may participate in more than one presentation.
7. Presentations that do not meet the contest rules will be disqualified and will not be permitted to be given at the convention.
8. Presentations **MUST** be the students' original work and art.
9. The following categories are open for competition:
 - Drama/Skit/Comedy/Dance/Music
 - Lion Dancing
 - Chinese Diablo
10. Judging
 - A panel of Chinese language educators will serve as judges for the presentations:
 1. Talent/Overall: 0- 10 Points (ability, skill, proficiency, polish)
 2. Effectiveness in maintaining Attention: 0-10 Points
 3. Accuracy of Information: 0-5 Points
 4. Artistic Merit: 0- 5 Points
 - A one point per minute penalty will be imposed for being under the minimum time or over the maximum time allowed. Awards will be based on a score of all votes received for a presentation. In the event of a tie, the audience will determine the winner.
11. During the performance, a timekeeper will be on hand. A signal will alert the performer(s) when there is one minute of time remaining and again when there are 30 seconds remaining.
12. Accuracy – all information must be accurate. **Advertising commercial brands is not acceptable.**
13. Prizes for "The Best Presentation" winners of each category:
 - First place: An iPod (8 GB) (two will be given if more than one person in the presentation)
 - Second place: An iPod nano (4GB) (two will be given if more than one person in the presentation)
14. Finality of Decisions: All decisions are final and binding in all matters relating to this competition.
15. Agreement –By participating in the competition, Entrant consents to the programs' use of his

or her name, photograph and/or likeness, address, voice, and statements made by or attributed to him or her, in perpetuity, in any and all media now known or hereafter developed (including, without limitation, print, broadcast, and Internet), for non-commercial purposes without additional compensation, notice or approval, unless prohibited by law.

16. Liability – SCCCS will exercise care in handling the entries, but cannot assume liability for loss or damage.

The programs reserve the right to withhold any taxes as required by applicable law. All prizes will be awarded (other than prizes withheld for tax purposes as required by applicable law) and are not transferable. No substitutions (including for cash) are permitted. Winners will be required to supply a student ID number prior to the award of any prize.

The programs also reserves the right to disqualify from the competition, and to prosecute to the fullest extent permitted by law, any Entrant who, in the program's reasonable suspicion, tampers with any of the entry process, violates these Official Rules, or acts in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner. In the event of disqualification of a winner, the programs may replace the winner with the next runner-up at the sole discretion of the programs.

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