



**The 15th "Chinese Bridge"**  
**Chinese Proficiency Competition for Secondary School Students**  
**The Ninth CLASS National Preliminary Contest on US West Coast, 2022**  
**第十五届“汉语桥”世界中学生中文比赛**  
**暨CLASS全美预赛西部赛区（第九届）**

**Date:** Sunday, May 22, 2022  
**Platform:** Online (Zoom link to be announced later)

**Registration Deadline:** May 10, 2022

**Organizer:** The Chinese Language Association of Secondary-Elementary Schools, CLASS

**Sponsor:** Consulate-General of the P.R.C. in San Francisco

### **Registration and Rules**

1. The contestant must be a student currently enrolled in a Mandarin Chinese program during 2021-2022 school year at a secondary school (6-12 grades) that is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), or other regional accreditation institution, or is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). We accept applications from students whose teacher is a current CLASS member in ANY of the 50 states in the US, and applications from any student in the following states within the San Francisco Consular District: Northern California and the States of Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. The teacher will be responsible for submitting the application for the student. Each school can submit up to two applications.
2. The contestant is a student who does not speak any dialect of Chinese before taking the Chinese course in school, and who has not resided in a Chinese-speaking country or region for more than three years. A heritage speaker of any Chinese dialect who speaks Chinese before taking the Chinese course in school is not eligible. A contestant who has participated in previous year's contest will not be considered.
3. Based on the results of the preliminary screening and selection from all entries received by **May 10, 2022**, qualified finalists will be invited to participate in the online contest on **Sunday, May 22, 2022**. The First and Second Prize winners in the High School Division and the First Prize winner in the Middle School Division of the **online contest** will be recommended to represent US West Coast as contestants in the 15th "Chinese Bridge" Chinese Proficiency Competition for Secondary School Students from the world to be held in China (remotely) in August/September, 2022. Teachers of the qualified finalists will receive a gift card of \$100.
4. The theme of the competition is **Fly High with Chinese**, “追梦中文, 不负韶华” in Chinese. Students are free to develop the content based on their own language learning and life experiences. The speech must be between two to three minutes in length. During the online contest, three questions will be asked immediately based on the delivered speech and the contestant must respond appropriately to those questions. Both the speech and the responses to the three questions are part of the performance for earning scores during the online contest.

5. In addition to the speech, each qualified finalist is expected to prepare for a talent show ranging between two to three minutes in length for the online contest. Forms of the talent show can be, but not limited to: Chinese song, Chinese dance, Chinese folk arts, Chinese musical instrument, Chinese painting or calligraphy, Chinese paper cutting or *Kungfu*. This talent show performance will help the participant to gain extra points for the final result of the contest.

6. Submission:

To be entered into a screening for the final online contest, each application for the contestant should be submitted by his or her teacher through the Google Form ([link here](#)), which includes the following materials:

A. completed application form

B. YouTube link of your video recorded show (2-3 minutes)

C. file of the printable script of the speech.

7. Registration begins on **April 10th**, and ends on **May 10th**. The Google Form will require a scanned image of a formal portrait (or school) photo (2 x 2 inches/color), a student signature, a parent or guardian's signature and the recommending teacher's signature.

8. All submissions (video recording and Google form) must be received by the deadline of **May 10, 2022**.

9. We reserve the right to verify each registered student's enrollment in a Chinese program with proper accreditations and to confirm with the teacher about the recommendation before the invitation notice is sent to the contestant by email one week before the online contest.

10. Organizing Committee

Co-Chairs: Baocai JIA, Executive Director of CLASS

Ying JIN, President of CLASS

Vice Chairs: Na LI, Vice President of CLASS

Brenda HSU, Immediate-Past President of CLASS

Members: Carol CHEN-LIN, Chair of Treasure Committee of CLASS

Sara CHAO, CLASS Board Member

Yan WANG, CLASS Board Member

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**Please note: Incomplete applications will not be processed. No late registrations will be accepted.**

**For more details or to ask questions about this event, please refer to [www.classk12.org](http://www.classk12.org) or email to: [CLASS.Speech.Contest@gmail.com](mailto:CLASS.Speech.Contest@gmail.com)**