



Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, Mid-Atlantic Region

11th Annual Tzu Chi Cup Chinese Speech Competition

Objectives: The objectives of the Tzu Chi Speech Competition are to help foster the students' confidence, to nurture their wisdom during the preparation, and to enable both the speakers and the audience to immerse in a wholesome atmosphere. In addition, the contestants are encouraged to cultivate a positive attitude in their daily lives.

Dates: Saturday, April 22, 2017 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Jing Si Hall, Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, Mid-Atlantic Region
150 Commerce Road, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

Qualifications: The school must recommend each contestant. Applicants without school recommendation will not be accepted. Applications must be confirmed via the Principal's signature and will be accepted based on date of receipt, until all positions are filled.

Contestants compete within their specific age groups: A, B, C, D, E and F. A maximum of three applicants per age group per school will be accepted.

The applicant will be disqualified if he or she has lived in countries where Chinese is the native language for two or more years during the most recent past five years.

Groups A, B, C and D: The applicant is currently attending weekend Chinese schools, or is a student in a bi-lingual school in the U.S.

Groups E and F : The applicant must have at least one parent/guardian whose native language is not Chinese. AND, the applicant is either attending CSL class in a weekend Chinese school or studying Chinese in a regular school in the U.S.

Age Groups: Age calculation base date: April 22, 2017. **Group A** --- Age 13 + **Group B** --- Age 10 ~12
Group C --- Age 7~9 **Group D** --- Age 5~6 **Group E** --- Age 13~17 **Group F** --- Age 7~9

Length of Speech:	Groups A and B 2½ ~ 3 minutes	Group C 2 ~ 2½ minutes	Group D 1½ ~ 2 minutes	Groups E and F 1½ ~ 2½ minutes
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Topics of Speech:	Group A Environmental Protection and I	Group B I am most grateful of ...	Group C What I cannot forget the most
	Group D What I love the most	Group E What impacted me the most	Group F My (friend)

Scoring Criteria:	30% Content	30% Tone, Enunciation, Speed	30% Style, Eye Contact, Movement	10% Time (1 point deduction per 10 seconds over or under)
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Awards: The scholarships of \$300, \$200 or \$100 will be awarded based on the number of contestants within each age group. Additional Honorable Mention placements may also be awarded. In addition to scholarship awards, a Tzu Chi Cup or Award Certificate will be included. All contestants will receive a Certification of Participation.

Fees: US\$25.00 per applicant (Check payable to "Tzu Chi Foundation")

Deadline: **Postmarked by April 8, 2017 (applications may be emailed to tzuchinjedu@gmail.com)**

Registration: Send completed application forms, a check for the total amount for all applicants, and photocopies of proof of age to **Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, Mid-Atlantic Region**
150 Commerce Road, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

Attn: 2017 Tzu Chi Cup Speech Competition Registration

Important Reminders:

1. Contestants should not mention name of attending schools.
2. Past first prize winners may not participate in the same group again.
3. The judges will jointly determine the final placement of winners should there be multiple contestants with identical winning scores.
4. Contestants must wear appropriate attire. Please wear socks, as shoes are to be taken off before entering the designated area. During award ceremony, school uniforms, if applicable, must be worn.

11th Annual Tzu Chi Cup Chinese Speech Competition Application Form

2017 年 第十一屆 慈濟盃 中文演講比賽 報名表

School Name 學校校名			
School Address 學校地址			
Participating Group (check only one) 參加組別 請 只選 1 組	Group 組: A () B () C () D () Date when contestant arrived in USA (yyyy / mm / dd) 到美國日期: ____年____月____日 No. of years contestant has studied in Chinese school 中文學校就讀年數: ____		
	Group 組: E () F ()		
Contestant (1) 學生(1)資訊	Name (中/英文)	Birth Date 出生日 (yyyy / mm / dd) ____ / ____ / ____	Birth Place 出生地
	Speech Topic 演講題目		
Parent Information 家長 通訊資料	Phone 電話 / 手機	Email 電子郵址	Address 聯絡地址
Contestant (2) 學生(2)資訊	Name (中/英文)	Birth Date 出生日 (yyyy / mm / dd) ____ / ____ / ____	Birth Place 出生地
	Speech Topic 演講題目		
Parent Information 家長 通訊資料	Phone 電話 / 手機	Email 電子郵址	Address 聯絡地址
Contestant (3) 學生(3)資訊	Name (中/英文)	Birth Date 出生日 (yyyy / mm / dd) ____ / ____ / ____	Birth Place 出生地
	Speech Topic 演講題目		
Parent Information 家長 通訊資料	Phone 電話 / 手機	Email 電子郵址	Address 聯絡地址
Attending School Signature/Title 校長 簽名		Date 簽名日期	
<p>Please mail in the completed form along with a copy of the contestant's birth certificate and the \$25 registration fee (check payable to Tzu Chi Foundation) to: 請將報名表、出生證明影本連同報名費（每人 \$ 25 元）一併寄至：</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tzu Chi Foundation, Mid-Atlantic Region 150 Commerce Road, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 Attn: 2017 Tzu Chi Cup Registration</p>			

截止日期 Deadline: April 8, 2017