"My Confucius Institute Story"

THE 3RD ANNUAL
People-to-People Award
NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

TELL US YOUR STORY!
Have you participated in a trip, class or cultural exchange program sponsored by the Confucius Institute? We want to hear your story!

THE PRIZE!
Submit your story for a chance to win an all-expenses-paid trip for two to Washington, DC to attend the 2018 National Honors Gala. Honorees will be celebrated at a prestigious venue and recognized on a national platform. Ninety percent of honorees also receive a commendation letter from their US congressional representative.

GUIDELINES
• Share your story of exploring China and cross-cultural engagement through the Confucius Institute.
• Essays will be evaluated on creativity, reflection, and compelling storytelling. Chinese language ability is not considered in the evaluation criteria.
• 1-2 pages, single-spaced, Times New Roman, size 12 font, excellent grammar and formatting, including a title, written in English.
• Confucius Institute representatives of ALL ages are encouraged to submit an essay.

Submit Essays to your Confucius Institute or to cius@ciuscenter.org
by March 30, 2018

Honorees will be announced before June 1, 2018
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Is this storytelling contest only for college students?

No, Confucius Institute representatives of ALL ages are encouraged to submit an essay. The ages of past winners range from 12 to 50+.

2. What if my Chinese isn't very good?

Chinese language ability is not a consideration for the contest. Your essay should be written in English. A winning essay will tell a compelling story of your experience studying Chinese language and culture, understanding China, building friendships, and consistently developing global awareness and competence through the Confucius Institute.

3. What if I am unable to attend the National Honors Gala in Washington, DC?

All People-to-People award honorees are expected to attend the National Honors Gala in Washington, DC, except in the case of unforeseen circumstances.

4. Who will read my essay?

A review committee at the Confucius Institute U.S. Center will carefully read and score each essay using a scoring rubric. The winning essays will be shared within the Confucius Institute network and among the general public as promotional materials for global education.

5. Will I be notified if I am not selected as a finalist?

Only contest finalists will be notified and the names of finalists will be listed on our website.

Please email cius@ciuscenter.org with additional questions