

Tibetan Story Reading Competition

Organized by the Office of Tibet and the Tibet Fund

Reading is one of the most useful ways of learning a language and we believe it is also a key tool that can be used to preserve and sustain the Tibetan culture. With this thought in mind, the Office of Tibet and The Tibet Fund presents a Tibetan Story Reading Competition to provide children ages 8 to 16 the opportunity to showcase their Tibetan reading skills by reading a short Tibetan story in a 2 minute video that has to be posted on YouTube.

Competition information and eligibility:

- To enter the competition, students must be ages 8 to 16 and resided in North America since 2011.
- There is two age categories: Ages 8 to 12 and Ages 13 to 16
- Participants must first complete the online application form by **March 31, 2017. Registration is closed.**
- After submitting the online application form, we will email each registered participant story books containing several stories to prepare for the competition. Applicants are required to practice reading from this story book.
- On May 26, 2017 we will select a short Tibetan story from the story book and ask students to video record while reading the story, not longer than 2 minutes. **You will have 5 days to record and submit the video before the deadline May 31, 2017.**
- In the video, the applicants must introduce themselves at the beginning of the video. Example of introduction: “My name is Tenzin and I live in Toronto, Canada”
- Video and audio has to be high quality so judges can clearly see and listen to the applicant.
- **Upload your YouTube video link by May 31, 2017** at <https://goo.gl/forms/uKy6ZTJrm0Vo72fO2>. We will not accept any videos past the deadline date.
- A Panel of the following three judges will review the video and fill in the evaluation forms to select the finalists:
 1. A representative from the Office of Tibet
 2. A representative from The Tibet Fund
 3. Mr. Tenzin Norbu Nangsal, writer and experienced teacher

Prizes:

- \$100 will be given to the Top 10 readers. 5 readers will be chosen from each age category mentioned above
- An e-Certificate will be issued to children for participation
- Final award will be announced before June 15, 2017.

Instructions for uploading YouTube video:

1. Sign into your YouTube account.
2. Click on **Upload** at the top of the page.
3. Before you start uploading the video, you can choose the Video Privacy settings. The **video privacy setting should be set on Unlisted.**
4. Select the video you would like to upload from your computer.
5. As the video is uploading you can edit both the basic information and the advanced settings of the video.
6. Click **Publish** to finish uploading the video on YouTube. If you set the video privacy setting to Unlisted, just click **Done** to finish the upload.
7. If you have not clicked **Publish**, your video won't be viewable by other people. You can always publish your video at a later time in your Video Manager.
8. After the YouTube video is published, copy the hyperlink and submit it on <https://goo.gl/forms/uKy6ZTJrm0Vo72fO2>
9. Last day for the video submission is **May 31, 2017.**