Dear all,

We are glad to announce that the 2019-2020 “Why Learn Chinese” Competition has began and we are accepting entries.

**What:** An essay/photography competition
**Who:**For all the middle school and high school students in WA
**When**: Submission deadline Jan 1, 2020
**How: FREE** [submission](https://forms.gle/sr2rA5C4SJGZaPsq7)! <http://bit.ly/2020WLC>

**Two ways to participate:**
1)   **Essay** This year’s essay prompt:
“**What part Chinese culture has motivated you to continue learning Chinese**? For example, think of impactful places, foods, culture, etc.”
2)   A **photograph**relevant to the above prompt. The photo must be taken by the participant. Make sure the photo clearly depicts the subject of the shot. The judges can and will check to make sure there is no plagiarism. The resolution of the photo must be at least 640 pixels on the shorter side, and no more than 2000 pixels on the longer side. Images should be no larger than 2MB. Photos must be in JPEG format.

**Awards**
Separate prizes for both categories
**1st Place**: $100 (1 winner)
**2nd Place**: $80 (3 winners)
**3rd Place:** $50 (5 winners)
**Finalists** (top 15%):
Certificate of Excellence
We also offer an **Outstanding Contribution Award t**o the teacher who has the most students submitting entries. The award carries a cash prize of $100. Please make sure to include your teacher’s name on the registration form.

**Timeline**After your submission, you will receive a confirmation email within one week. Winners will be announced on Jan 18th. Each entrant will receive an email. Everyone is welcome to attend the award ceremony on Jan 25, 2020 at the Central Washington University  satellite campus in Sammamish, followed by a Lunar New Year Celebration.

If you have any questions, please email president@waace.org. Please see the attached flyer for details. <http://www.waace.org/2020-wlc.html>

We look forward to your participation!

Sincerely,

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