

**ACTR 38th National Russian Essay Contest
First and Second Round Results**

In November 2019 1,188 high school students of Russian wrote essays in the 38th Annual ACTR National Russian Essay Contest on the topic: «Работа, профессия и карьера в моей жизни». This talented group of traditional learners, heritage learners, and native speakers represent 49 schools and 55 teachers in 19 states and the District of Columbia.

In the table below you can see the distribution of awards for the first round of the Thirty-Eighth Annual ACTR National Russian Essay Contest. Congratulations to all the medalists and their teachers!

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Honorable Mention	No Award	Total
Beginner	61	122	184	88	8	463
Beginner Heritage	8	14	6	4	0	32
Intermediate	56	86	93	67	0	302
Intermediate Heritage	41	37	24	13	0	115
Advanced	28	53	61	49	0	191
Advanced Heritage	18	22	12	4	0	56
Native Speaker	8	11	8	2	0	29
Total	220	345	388	227	8	1,188

FIRST ROUND GOLD MEDAL ESSAYISTS, 38th NATIONAL RUSSIAN ESSAY CONTEST

(Teacher names in bold)

- Anglo-American School of Moscow - **Nina Nazarenko**: Mikaela Moskowicz (A), Isaac Aleman Magdaleno (B), Kyoo Bum Han (I), Ilmo Lipponen (I), Kaitlyn Whitsitt (I), Anna Ilicheva (NS), Maria Kosta (NS), Anna Webb (NS)
- Bruriah High School for Girls, NJ - **Nina Vaykhanskaya**: Avagail Kaplan (B), Melitta Oppenheim (B), Avagail Sokol (B), Elana Weissman (B), Aliza Wittels (B)
- Buckingham, Browne and Nichols School, MA - **Joshua Walker**: Aaron Rasin (A), Elizabeth Savage (A), Simru Sonmez-Erbil (A), Daniel Cudkowicz (B), Charles Druker (B), Andrei Buchatskiy (IH),
- By the Onion Sea, IL - **Julia Kriventsova Denne**: Ekaterina Kelenina (BH), Irina Schroeter (BH), Olga Shinkarev (BH), Leah Ashby (I), Morgan Emery (I), Illia Svirinovskyi (NS), Iuliana Tingaeva (NS)
- C. D. Hylton High School, VA – **Maria Goebert**: Sofia Simonian (IH)
- Cherokee High School, NJ - **Marian Barnum**: Gavin Ritter (A), Yana Smolyanaya (IH)
- E.R. Murrow High School, NY - **Yuliya Garmil**: Yulia Hubitska (A), Anna Kudina (A), Yana Prokopechko (A), Tetyana Rimaryuk (A), Yana Sapunkova (A), Bekzod Khayrullaev (AH), Ekaterina Naumova (AH), Frida Rakhmimova (IH), Ulyana Shyrokaya (IH),

- Friends School, MD - **Lee Roby**: Joseph Badros (A), Katrina Brazhnikov (A), Dan Musachio (A), Abby Reiner (B), Nathan Renard (B), Alice Riley (B), Alexander Tawes (B), Margaret Vale (I)
- Gatton Academy of Math and Science in KY, KY - **Ekaterina Myakshina**: Tristan Clement (B), Margot Hare (B), Mario Hernandez (B)
- George Washington High School, MD - **Emma Reznik**: Malika Otorbayeva (A), Andzhur Termikeev (A), Maninja Bakhrudinova (I), Shahobiddin Saidmuratov (I), Kateryna Sulima (I), Zarina Tolibova (I), Aliaksandr Valadkevich (I),
- Glastonbury High School, CT - **Jan Eklund**: Larisa Esposito (A), Shayna Lebowitz (A), Gwenyth Ross (A), Allison Desmarais (I), Maddison Edwards (I), Tom Fahey (I), Preston Hunt (I), Zac Lebowitz (I), Francesco Ossino (I), Jamie Schwartz (I), Catherine Zak (I)
- Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, IL - **Paavo Husen**: Grace Federici (A), Maximillian Hellrung (A), Ishanpepe Jagusah (A), Lily Levrault (A), Marcus Ludwig (A), Angela Wang (A), Alejandro Carrillo (I), Olivia Dambrauskas (I), Matthew Dinwiddie (I), Madeline Fields Halva (I), Jonathan Gao (I), Evelyn Lee (I), Julianna Padilla (I), Madhav Parthasarathy (I), Shambhavi Punjala (I), Charles Schreiber (I), Krystian Szczech (I)
- Langley High School, VA - **Valentin Cukierman**: Aidana Akibaeva (AH), Stacia Datskovka (AH), Tasmin Makhmudova (AH), Ava Sautters (IH)
- Langley High School, VA - **Nazeli Nersesian**: Joshua Guinn (B), Clare Selton (B)
- Lexington High School, SC - **Jessica Kelly**: Grace Fairchild (I)
- Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, VA - **Michael F. White**: Helen Hopkins (B)
- Newton South High School, MA - **Jill Christensen**: Danielle Berdichevsky (BH), Yarden Shestopal (IH)
- Pritzker College Prep, IL - **Phillip Stosberg**: Frida Arroyo (B), Noel Candalaria (B), Exavier De La Cruz (B), Jordan Hernandez (B), Cristian Ortiz (B), Emily Pereznegron (B), Jonathan Rodriguez (B), Jennifer Roman (B), Pricilla Segura (B), Christopher Ticas (B), Valeria Uzcatogui (B), Vanessa Valdez (B), Arianna Valentin (B)
- Pushkin School of Houston, TX - **Katia Pronina**: Evelina Tcherniak (AH)
- Roland Park Country School, MD - **Eliza Frost**: Anna Bakina (IH)
- Russian Kids Club, CA - **Iлона Tombu**: Dasha Shevchenko (AH)
- Russian School #1, GA - **Yana Kastosova**: Oleg Kolesnikov (AH), Natalia Stareeva (AH)
- Russian School Ckyku Net, CA - **Lyudmila Andreyeva**: Christina Dorofeev (IH), Lyosha Genzel (IH), Alexey Gribok (IH), Veronica Iamanova (IH), Michelle Kotlyar (IH), Barbara Levshakova (IH), Diana Petrenko (IH), Nicholas Poplavskyy (IH), Mikhail Pronin (IH), Kuzma Shepelev (IH), Alexander Shkolnikov (IH), Yael Shpits (IH), Yakov Shur (IH), Alexandra Sokolova (IH), Alex Stavnitser (IH), Nicole Stepanenko (IH), David Veksler (IH), Maria Velikhovskaya (IH), Nikita Cheblov (NS)
- Russian School House, MD - **Lidia Krasnov**: Arturo Salvalaggio (A), Daniel Moyseyev (AH), Sacha Karpova (IH)
- Russian School of Woodbridge, CT - **Ekaterina Sive**: Julia Maria Sive (IH)
- Russian School Olympus, DC - **Nathalie McGregor**: Sofia McCardle (AH), Elise Nicole Barber (BH), Irene Pykhtin (BH), Zlata Bobykina (IH), Anna Kuzmina (IH), Natalie Ann Sazonova (IH)
- San Diego Russian School, CA - **Maria Ezhevskaya**: Sophia Kaluzhny (I), Alexandra Rodionova (I)
- Shaker High School, NY - **Anna Shkaf**: Alexa Labela (I)

- Smith Middle School, CT - **John R. Rook**: Margaret Madeline Delucia (B), Josephine Frances Desmarais (B), Jacqueline Elizabeth Dudus (B), Kamryn Elizabeth Herrick (B), Brianna Marie Jordan (B), Kaylin Samantha Ostuni (B), Andrew Thomas Stranko (B)
- St. Louis University High School, MO - **Robert Chura**: Keegan Cantwell (I)
- St. Thomas Aquinas High School, NH - **Mary Chamberlain**: Cameron Cassidy (I)
- Staten Island Technical High School, NY - **Natalya Levina**: Alan Mamayev (BH), Dominika Shkoruta (BH)
- Staten Island Technical High School, NY - **Veronika Maslyukova**: Angela Chan (B), Eric Cholika (B), Donau Labdoumi (B), Angie Mohamed (B), Isabella Ng (B), Fahad Shafat (B), Alyssa Simone (B), Sarah Vafiadis (B), Kevin Zou (B), Iram Liu (I), Lacey Rose Delucia (I)
- Staten Island Technical High School, NY - **Elena Sokolovski**: Mila Karimov (IH), Leah Livin (IH), Maya Lyatunovskiy (IH), Nicole Reyblat (IH), Olivia Zadvinskiy (IH)
- Staten Island Technical High School, NY - **Nataliya Ushakova**: Beata Verkhovets (AH), Angel Lee (I), Alvin Xiao (I), Anastasia Bulgakova (IH), Simone Livit (IH), Jackalin Shvidky (IH), Ellie Vaserman (IH), Ekaterina Bushueva (NS)
- Tallwood High School, VA - **Ludmila Yuzhbabenko**: Collin D. Hayes (B), Gavin A. Ventura (B), Vanessa L. Homer (I), Elizabeth Vanorder (I)
- Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, VA - **Betsy Sandstrom**: Daniel Healey (A), Maria Abramova (AH), Michael Kyrychenko (AH), Caroline Smiltneks (AH), Nabiha Islam (B), Anwitha Kollipara (B), Sudiksha Konanki (B), Hasita Nalluri (B), Vivikta Rau (B), Anisha Talreja (B), Haytham Alsayed (I), Daniel DeConti (I), Maria Izzi (I), Matthew Rosenthal (I), Sadhana Thirumazhusai (I)
- Thunder Mountain High School, AK - **Svetlana Filkova**: Jorge Cordero (B), Keleolani Luerra (B),
- Vineland High School, NJ - **Vlada Jackson**: Daniela Kaplunovska (IH), Katerina Maruseichenko (NS)
- Walnut Hills High School, OH - **Johanka Hart-Tompkins**: Nadya Ellerhorst (AH), Quincy Barrett (B), Alice Lundgren (B), Louis Schneider (B), Selima Aousheva (I), Nicoloz Tsertsvadze (I)
- West Anchorage High School, AK - **Yelena Reep**: Colton Copelin (A), Savanna Lee (A), Lubava Vessels (AH), Daria Wilcox (AH), Mason Beiler (B), Norah Brown (B), Kristoff Beagley (I), Athena Clendaniel (I), Kaitlyn Hanson (I), Mckenna Piekarski (I), Daphne Sagan (I), Ali Strand (I)

SECOND ROUND GOLD MEDAL ESSAYISTS, 38th NATIONAL RUSSIAN ESSAY CONTEST

The essays which were awarded gold medals at the Native Speaker, Advanced Heritage, and Advanced levels in the first round were forwarded to Professor Liliya Leonidovna Vokhmina at the A.S. Pushkin Institute in Moscow for the second round of judging. Results of the second round of judging are reported below. All students whose essays were sent to Moscow will receive certificates. In addition, gold medalists in the second round of judging will also receive commemorative pins. Congratulations to these talented students and their remarkable and dedicated teachers!

SCHOOL

TEACHER

STUDENT

ADVANCED GOLD

Anglo-American School of Moscow	Nina Nazarenko	Mikaela Moskowitz
Buckingham, Browne, and Nichols, MA	Joshua Walker	Elizabeth Savage Simru Sonmez-Erbil
E. R. Murrow HS, NY	Yuliya Garmil	Yulia Hubitska Yana Prokopechko Tetyana Rimaryuk Yana Sapunkova
George Washington HS, MD	Emma Reznik	Andzhur Termikeev
Illinois Math & Science, IL	Paavo Husen	Lily Levrault
Russian School House, VA	Lidia Krasnov	Arturo Salvalaggio
Thomas Jefferson High School For Science and Technology, VA	Betsy Sandstrom	Daniel Healey

ADVANCED SILVER

Buckingham, Browne, and Nichols, MA	Joshua Walker	Aaron Rasin
Cherokee HS, NJ	Marian Barnum	Gavin Ritter
E. R. Murrow HS, NY	Yuliya Garmil	Anna Kudina
Friends School of Baltimore, MD	Elizabeth Lee Roby	Joseph Badros Katrina Brazhnikov Dan Musachio
George Washington HS, MD Glastonbury HS, CT	Emma Reznik Jan Eklund	Malika Otorbaeva Larisa Esposito Shayna Lebowitz Gwenyth Ross
Illinois Math & Science, IL	Paavo Husen	Grace Federici Maximillian Hellrung Ishanpepe Jagusah Marcus Ludwig Angela Wang
West Anchorage HS, AK	Yelena Reep	Colton Copelin Savanna Lee

ADVANCED HERITAGE GOLD

E. R. Murrow HS, NY	Yuliya Garmil	Bekzod Khayrullaev Ekaterina Naumova
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Langley HS, VA	Valentin Cukierman	Aidana Akibaeva Stacia Datskovska Tasnim Makhmudova
Pushkin School of Houston, TX	Katia Pronina	Evelina Tcherniak
Russian Kids Club	Ilona Tombu	Dasha Shevchenko
Russian School #1	Yana Kastosova	Oleg Kolesnikov Natalia Stareeva
Russian School House	Lidia Krasnov	Daniel Moyseyev
Russian School Olympus	Nathalie McGregor	Sofia McCardle
Thomas Jefferson HS for Science and Technology, VA	Betsy Sandstrom	Caroline Smiltneks
	ADVANCED HERITAGE SILVER	
Staten Island Technical HS, NY	Natalya Ushakova	Beata Verkhavets
Thomas Jefferson HS for Science and Technology, VA	Betsy Sandstrom	Maria Abramova Michael Kyrychenko
Walnut Hills HS, OH	Johanka Hart-Tompkins	Nadya Ellerhorst
West Anchorage HS, AK	Yelena Reep	Lubava Wessels Daria Wilcox
	NATIVE SPEAKER GOLD	
Anglo-American School of Moscow	Nina Nazarenko	Anna Ilicheva
By the Onion Sea, IL	Julia Kriventsova Denne	Illia Svirinovskyi Iuliana Tingaeva
Russian School Ckyku Net	Lyudmila Andreyeva	Nikita Cheblovok
Vineland HS, NJ	Vlada Jackson	Katerina Maruseichenko
	NATIVE SPEAKER SILVER	
Anglo-American School of Moscow	Nina Nazarenko	Maria Kosta Anna Webb
Staten Island Technical HS, NY	Natalya Ushakova	Ekaterina Bushueva