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!

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FIRST ROUND GOLD MEDAL ESSAYISTS, 38th NATIONAL RUSSIAN ESSAY CONTEST
(Teacher names in bold)

- Anglo-American School of Moscow - Nina Nazarenko: Mikaela Moskowitz (A), Isaac Alemán 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 Rakhamimova (IH), Ulyana Shyrokaia (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 Bakhridinova (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 Dambrauskaus (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 Szczec (I)
• Langley High School, VA - **Valentin Cukierman**: Aidana Akibaeva (AH), Stacia Datskovka (AH), Tasmin Makhmudova (AH), Ava Sautters (IH)
• Langley High School, VA - **Nazeli Nersessian**: 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 Uzcategui (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 - **Ilona Tombu**: Dasha Shevchenko (AH)
• Russian School #1, GA - **Yana Kastosova**: Oleg Kolesnikov (AH), Natalia Starleva (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 Stavnitzer (IH), Nicole Stepanenko (IH), David Veksler (IH), Maria Velikhovskaya (IH), Nikita Cheblokov (NS)
• Russian School House, MD - **Lidia Krasnov**: Arturo Salvaggio (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 Labella (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 - **Natalia 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 Usahkova**: Beata Verkhovets (AH), Angel Lee (I), Alvin Xiao (I), Anastasia Bulgakova (IH), Simone Livit (IH), Jackalin Shvidky (IH), Ellie Vasmeman (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 Smiltenks (AH), Nabiha Islam (B), Anwitha Kollipara (B), Sudiksha Konanki (B), Hasita Nalluri (B), Vivika Rau (B), Anisha Talreja (B), Haythem Alsayed (I), Daniel DeConti (I), Maria Izza (I), Matthew Rosenthal (I), Sadhana Thirumathusai (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 Piekarri (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!

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E. R. Murrow HS, NY
George Washington HS, MD
Illinois Math & Science, IL
Russian School House, VA
Thomas Jefferson High School For Science and Technology, VA

Buckingham, Browne, and Nichols, MA
Indian HS, NJ
E. R. Murrow HS, NY
Friends School of Baltimore, MD
George Washington HS, MD
Glastonbury HS, CT
George Washington HS, MD
Illinois Math & Science, IL
West Anchorage HS, AK
E. R. Murrow HS, NY

**ADVANCED SILVER**
Joshua Walker
Emma Reznik
Paavo Husen
Lidia Krasnov
Betsy Sandstrom

**ADVANCED HERITAGE GOLD**
Nina Nazarenko
Mikaela Moskowitz
Elizabeth Savage
Simru Sonmez-Erbil
Yulia Garmil
Yulia Hubitska
Yana Prokopechko
Tetyana Rimaryuk
Yana Sapunkova
Andzhur Termikeev
Lily Levrault
Arturo Salvalaggio
Daniel Healey
Aaron Rasin
Gavin Ritter
Anna Kudina
Joseph Badros
Katrina Brazhnikov
Dan Musachio
Malika Otorbaeva
Larisa Esposito
Shayna Lebowitz
Gwenyth Ross
Grace Federici
Maximillian Hellrung
Ishanpepe Jagusah
Marcus Ludwig
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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
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By the Onion Sea, IL  Julia Kriventsova Denne  Illia Svirinovskyi
Iuliana Tingaeva
Russian School Ckyku Net  Lyudmila Andreyeva  Nikita Cheblokov
Vineland HS, NJ  Vlada Jackson  Katerina Maruseichenko

NATIVE SPEAKER SILVER
Anglo-American School of Moscow  Nina Nazarenko  Maria Kosta
Anna Webb
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