

Confucius Institute at University of Maryland

2012 Chinese Bridge Summer Camp Application Information

1. Program Objectives:

The Chinese Bridge Summer Camp is a Chinese language and culture related program sponsored by the Confucius Institute (CI) Headquarters in Beijing, aiming at enhancing the Chinese language proficiency and awareness of the Chinese culture among young people out of China by exposing them to the real life of the Chinese people and different aspects of the Chinese culture. This year's program focuses on the students studying in Confucius Institute and Confucius Classroom. The Confucius Institute at UMD has been entrusted by the CI Headquarters to accept applications from students in MD. Please note this program is hosted by Hanban, not by UMD.

2. Dates and Duration:

The 2012 Chinese Bridge Summer Camp will be a 2-week program, starting on July 15 (Sunday) and ending on July 29, 2012 (Sunday).

3. Application Eligibility:

* American citizens * high school students or 8th grade middle school students (those who will go to the 9th grade after the summer, whose age is 15 -19) * having interest in the Chinese language and culture * having studied Chinese for NO more than 3 years * and in good health.

Note 1: Because the target students of the program are those who have little experience in the Chinese language and culture, the CI Headquarters will limit the number of participants from families with Chinese background to a certain percentage. If you are from such families, please explain in detail in the application form.

Note 2: Parents and other family members will not be allowed to join this program.

4. Program Activity:

Participants will live in a local school in a province (Jilin, Shanxi, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Henan, Guangxi or Fujian) for 9 days where they will study basic Chinese and attend cultural activities. They will spend the last 5 days in Beijing where they will have some sightseeing and attend the closing ceremony of the camp.

5. Fees:

The participant will be responsible for their round-trip airfare from DC to Beijing, costs for health insurance, and fees for visa applications to China. All the local expenses in China, including tuition, room and board and domestic transportation, will be covered by Confucius Institute Headquarters.

Each applicant will be charged \$200 application fee. * Note: The application fee will be used to help cover international airfare and related expenses for chaperons who will be with the campers throughout the program. It will NOT be refunded once the application has been approved.

6. Application Documents:

Applicants must submit the following documents:

* Completed application form

*Statement of about 200 words by the applicant about purpose of and goal you'd like to accomplish by participating in the program

*One recommendation letter from your teacher or school.

7. Application Deadline:

March 25, 2012 (post-marked by mail), or

March 30, 2012 (drop-off in person by 5:00 PM)

Note: The quota for CI-UMD is quite limited. Selection of applications for submission to Confucius Institute Headquarters for approval will be based on applicants' eligibility and the "first come, first served" principle. Priority will be given to eligible students who have never participated the program previously.

8. Contact:

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