

## **JOIN US THIS SUMMER: 2015 Chinese Bridge Summer Camp in China**

The Chinese Bridge Summer Camp, hosted each year by the Confucius Institute Headquarters/Hanban with the collaboration of Confucius Institute in the U.S., is a two-week summer camp geared towards American high school students. Each year, more than 600 American high school students participate in this program to visit Beijing and another province for Chinese language and cultural classes.

Applicants must be students currently enrolled in an accredited public or private high schools (grades 9-12, including students about to start 9<sup>th</sup> grade). Students must be U.S. citizens, be in good academic standing and have an interest in Chinese language and culture.

### **Dates and Cities**

- The 2015 Chinese Bridge Summer Camp is a 2-week program, starting on July 16 and ending on July 31. The excursion will be planned by Hanban in China. **All student MUST travel together.**
- Arrival and Departure City: Beijing
- Students will visit Beijing and one of the following provinces or cities for Chinese language classes and Chinese culture experience: Henan, Jiangsu, Shandong, Guangxi, Zhejiang, Heilongjiang, and Jilin. The assigned city for Arizona students will be announced in June.

### **Application Eligibility**

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Have a GPA 3.0 or above
- Must currently be in grades 9-12 (or about to start 9th grade), should be 14 to 18-years-old
- Have great interests in Chinese language and culture
- Be physically capable of international travel
- Must have studied Chinese for no more than three years
- Must hold a current US passport, with at least two empty pages, with an expiration date on or after February 2016, or be able to obtain a US passport before **May15, 2015**

### **Fees**

#### **Costs that need to be paid by applicants include**

- Application fee: a \$200.00 non-refundable registration fee is due with applications on Friday, March 6, 2015. (Registration will not be considered complete until all forms and **\$200 registration fee** are submitted.) **The registration fee will be refunded to students who are not accepted into the camp.**

- One round-trip plane ticket (approximately \$2000). All students are required to travel together, and all tickets will be arranged by the travel agent that works with the Confucius Institute at ASU.
- One visa to China (which will cost approximately \$180-\$200). Parents can work with the same travel agent to apply for the visa.
- International Travel Insurance. If international travel is not covered by your medical insurance carrier, applicants are required to purchase international travel insurance on their own.
- Students should prepare spending money for shopping and other personal expenses.

Confucius Institute Headquarters/Hanban will cover the costs of tuition, room & board, domestic transportation, sightseeing and group activities in China.

**Information Meeting for Students and Parents:** The ASU Confucius Institute will have an information meeting to discuss the travel arrangements with the students accepted into the camp. The meeting will be held at the end of May at ASU Tempe Campus.

### **Application Materials**

1. Application form
2. A current transcript (unofficial copies accepted) from your current school
3. A personal statement of no more than 250 words of why you are interested in participating in this summer camp and what you hope to gain from this experience. Statements should be typed and applicant's **name** and **current grade** at school should appear in the upper right-hand corner of their statement.
4. Two recommendation letters from teachers, counselors or school administrators from your current school. Letters must be put into a sealed envelope.

### **Application Deadline: Postmarked by March 6, 2015**

All students are required to submit all materials in **one packet** to the Confucius Institute at Arizona State University. **The application packet must include a completed application form, a transcript, a typed personal statement of less than 250 words, two school recommendation letters, and a \$200 check made payable to Arizona State University.**

**Drop off in Person:** West Hall 205, 1000 S Cady Mall, ASU Tempe Campus. Please drop off by 12 noon on March 6, 2015.

**Mailing Address:** ASU Confucius Institute, P.O. Box 871202, Tempe, AZ 85287-1202

**Questions:** If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jie Wang at [jwang297@asu.edu](mailto:jwang297@asu.edu)