

APRIL 11 2021

NEW ENGLAND OLYMPIADA OF SPOKEN RUSSIAN

ONLINE



Dear students:

We invite you to participate in the New England Regional Olympiada of Spoken Russian 2021, a unique and enjoyable event that gives students the opportunity to demonstrate their Russian language skills in making presentations and reciting poetry. We hope that this experience will help you gain confidence in your ability to speak Russian.

It's a chance to be recognized for your efforts in learning a very challenging language and an opportunity to interact with students of Russian from other colleges and universities in New England.

The Olympiada is open to all undergraduate students studying Russian as a foreign language (unfortunately, heritage or native speakers of Russian or other Slavic languages are not eligible to participate at this time).

You will be competing against others in four categories: 1st year, 2nd year, 3rd year and 4th year Russian.

Olympiada is sponsored by participating universities



The Format

1. Speech + questions

Short speech on one of the topics:

1st year students (2-4 mins):

- Мой космос
- Самый важный человек в моей жизни
- Город будущего

2nd year students (3-5 mins)

- Мой любимый праздник
- Как трудно быть студентом!
- Космическое путешествие

3rd-4th year students (5-7 min)

- Легко ли быть молодым?
- Через тернии к звездам
- Открытие, изменившее мир

The speech will be evaluated based on its content, originality/creativity, the delivery, as well as grammatical and lexical accuracy.

Participants are allowed to use notes written on one side of a 3X5 index card during their speech. The judges will ask three questions at the end of the speech based on its content.

2. Poem Recitation (optional)

We encourage students to recite a poem by heart in Russian of their choice although this part of the Olympiada is optional.

3. Drawing contest (optional)

Students can submit a space themed drawing ((his year marks the 60th anniversary of Gagarin's flight into space) that has to contain a single word or phrase in Russian about Space exploration. It can be a pencil drawing, in color or not, or a digital drawing. All submissions are due by Friday, April 2, 2021.

Detailed information and instructions are available on the Olympiada [website](https://projects.iq.harvard.edu/russianolympiada).

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It was great to meet students from other schools in New England who were also interested in learning Russian, and share our experiences about language study and applying our knowledge of Russian in various ways across different disciplines.

Caroline Dunbar, Smith College
Olympiada participant in 2019

When and Where

April 11, 2021

Will start at noon EST and will finish at around 3:15 PM

Location:

online (via Zoom)

Registration

Your Russian professor will register you for the Olympiada online. Participation is limited to three students per level per college.

Website

Visit our website for more information:

projects.iq.harvard.edu/russianolympiada

