

Culpeper Language Learning Center  
**Spring 2017 ESSAY CONTEST**  
**OFFICIAL ENTRY AND RELEASE FORM**

***“Where do you hope your second language skills will take you, and how do you plan on getting there?”***

**Name of Author:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Submission:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agreement:**

I have read and agree to abide by the rules and criteria of this contest as set forth in the *Contest Rules and Criteria*. I certify that my submission is an original work.

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# CONTEST RULES AND CRITERIA

## Contest Criteria

- Submissions should be written based on the following prompt:
  - Please address the question: **“Where do you hope your second language skills will take you, and how do you plan on getting there?”** We are looking for you to explore and reflect on what you hope to be able to do with the language in the future, and also importantly, how you will reach that goal.
- **The deadline for submission is Monday, May 8, 2017 at 5:00pm. (Central Time)**
- For each entry, the following must be completed and received by the above deadline:
  - A digital or physical copy of the completed *Official Entry and Release Form*.
  - A digital copy of your essay submission in an editable format such as Word.
  - A physical printout of your essay or a digital copy in PDF form.
- Eligible participants include all current students of Gustavus Adolphus College, with the exception of those acting as judges for the contest.
- Entries must be written in English, and should have a word count around 300-1200 words.

## Prizes

- First Prize: **\$100** (check), a Gustavus Binder, and a Gustavus Beanie
- Second Prize: \$35 Book Mark Gift Card, a Gustavus Binder, and a Gustavus Beanie
- Third Prize: \$10 Book Mark Gift Card, a Gustavus Beanie
- At Culpeper discretion, winning essays will appear on the Culpeper website.
- Please note: winnings are considered taxable income.

## Judging

- Entries will be judged with a special emphasis on the demonstration of thought behind the HOW aspect of the question, while still maintaining a cohesive essay.
- We are expecting collegiate level writing, so please put forth your best work. While grammar is not a main consideration, it may specifically be considered in judging between two similarly qualified essays.
- The prize winners will be decided by a panel of judges who will first read over the essays individually, and will then meet to deliberate and select the top three essays.
- In the case of a tie, the Director of the Culpeper Language Learning Center and/or the Event Coordinator will make the final decision.
- Awards will be publically announced on or before Monday, May 15 2017.

## Other Information

*Unforeseen situations (or situations that have not been discussed herein) related to contest criteria, prizes, judging, and other situations, will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Final decisions will be made by the Director of the Culpeper Language Learning Center and/or the Event Coordinator. If any questions should arise, please send an email to [EssayContest@gustavus.edu](mailto:EssayContest@gustavus.edu).*

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