

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE 16th INTERNATIONAL CONTEST OF ENGLISH

Michał Śleziak – Rector of Wyższa Szkoła Ekonomiczno-Humanistyczna of Bielsko-Biala, a non-state University entered into the register of non-state higher education institutions with number 126, pursuant the decision of the Minister of National Education of 7 August 1997, functioning on the basis of the Higher Education Act of 20 July 2018 and the Statute, and the regulation of the Minister of National Education and Sport of 29 January 2002, with the reference to the organization and the method of conduct of competitions, contests and Olympic games (Journal of Laws of 18 February 2002) and in accordance with the legal and statutory laws competences,

hereby announces:

16th International Contest of English Language

I. ORGANIZERS

The organiser of the contest is the University of Economics and Humanities in Bielsko-Biala.

II. AIMS OF THE CONTEST

The aim of the Contest is to promote the knowledge of culture, literature, geography and language of English speaking countries, to develop students' abilities and creative thinking, to encourage competition, to support the skills of applying knowledge in practice as well as a better preparation towards studies at the schools of tertiary education. Moreover, the Contest Organisers aim at presentation of wide range of courses, workshops and postgraduate studies both paid and free of charge, thanks to European Commission Financial Support. Contest winners the chance to study at the University of Economics and Humanities.

III. RULES OF THE CONTEST

The following members of the Examination Board are responsible for organisation and execution of the Contest in accordance with its terms and conditions:

THE CONTEST OF ENGLISH

- Janina Falkowska, Ph.D., WSEH Prof.-the Chair of the Contest Board
- Łukasz Sorokowski, MA
- Elżbieta Jaszczurowska, MA
- Ewa Kubas, MA
- Ewa Grzesiuk, MA
- Alina Turek, MA
- Katarzyna Straub-Jurczyk, MA

IV. PARTICIPATION

1. The school Principals who submit their students to the Contest are obliged to designate a person who shall be responsible directly for the way the Contest is carried out at their school as well as for the other two stages of the Contest. The Organisers reserve the right to send an observer to monitor the first stage of the Contest at the students' schools.

2. Schools shall prepare their own lists of students who would like to take part in the Contest in the form of a computer print-out, ONLY according to the sample application form posted on web page www.olimpiada.wseh.pl
4. Schools are responsible for sending to the Organizers a list of participants for the Contest of English. Along with the lists the school should send the confirmation of the fee payment for handling charge. All these documents should be received by the Organizers no later than on **2nd December 2019**.
5. The lists of participants should be sent either by e-mail to olimpiada@poczta.wseh.pl or by post. They SHOULD NOT be handwritten.

V. THE CONTEST HAS THREE STAGES

STAGE I (PRELIMINARY)

1. All students in their penultimate and last grade of the secondary school who are interested in expanding and testing their command of English can take part in the Contest. Persons holding the certificate of secondary education or its foreign equivalent and who would like to test their knowledge of English are also eligible to participate in the Contest.
2. Stage I participants shall take a written test of English in their mother school.
3. Schools will receive electronic packages containing tests and answer sheets to be printed at schools and completed by pupils, to the email address supplied by the school one day prior to the day on which Stage 1 of the Language Contest has been scheduled.
4. The English test shall take place on **18th December 2019 at 11 a.m.** at the participants' school. The test will last 75 minutes.
5. After the test the persons who were appointed by the school authorities to supervise the Contest at their school are obliged to send the paper version of answer sheets to the address given by and within the deadline set by the Organizers.

STAGE II

1. Only the participants who pass Stage I of the Contest are entitled to take part in Stage II of the Contest.
2. Stage II of the Contest checks lexical and grammatical command of English.
3. Stage II of the Contest shall take place at the Organizers' premises on **29th February 2020**. The English test shall take place **at 11 a.m.** The test will last 90 minutes.
4. The scripts from Stage II shall be kept by the Organizers for the period of three years.

STAGE III

1. The participants who pass Stage II test can take part in Stage III.
2. Stage III consists of an oral test.
3. The third stage of the Contest shall take place at the Organisers' premises on **28th March 2020 at 10 a.m.**
4. Each participant has the right to choose one of the following topics:
 - British/American literature
 - British/American history and culture
 - British/American geography
5. The bibliography and other materials for Stage III can be found at www.olimpiada.wseh.pl

VI. PRIZES

1. The top three finalists of the Contest will be able to study at one of the departments of the University of Economics and Humanities. After the completion of Stage III the Examination Board has also the right to award distinctions.

2. The finalists are entitled to commence their studies at the University of Economics and Humanities no later than in the school year **2021/2022**

3. The Participant with the highest score will have the right to receive a three-year full scholarship at the University of Economics and Humanities scholarship.

The Participant who come second will receive a two-year scholarship for studies at the University of Economics and Humanities.

The Participants who come third will receive a one-year scholarship for studies at the University of Economics and Humanities.

The scholarships do not include the entrance fee and other fees and charges required by the University of Economics and Humanities (e.g. the fee for re-sit exams). The finalist is required to pay the entrance fee within the deadline set by the University of Economics and Humanities. Should the finalist fail to satisfy this requirement the scholarship is then declared void.

VII. CONTACT

1. Information can be obtained from the Contest Secretary at the following telephone number:
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2. The Contest Organizers' address:

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