



REGULATIONS ON THE CONTEST
"THE FIRST TEACHER" of the Kyrgyz Republic
2024/2025 academic year
13th CONTEST

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The Sanjarbek Daniyarov Public Foundation establishes in the 2024/2025 academic year the next (No. 13) contest of rural primary school teachers of the Kyrgyz Republic "First Teacher" (hereinafter the 13th Contest). "First Teacher" is a primary school teacher, the best teacher, the hero of the eponymous story by Chingiz Aitmatov.

The contest is held with the approval of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The history of the contest since 2011 is published on the foundation's website: www.daniyarov.kg

Site sections covering the contest:

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§ 1. Objectives of the 13th contest

- Promoting the attractiveness of the primary school teacher profession
- Creating an additional incentive to retain teachers in rural schools
- Encouraging rural teachers to strive for professional growth

§ 2. Participants of the 13th Contest

- Any willing **primary school teacher** of schools in the Kyrgyz Republic located in **rural areas** and urban-type settlements (hereinafter referred to as the Participant) can take part in the 13th Contest, regardless of gender, age, nationality and length of service
- Teachers of city schools **DO NOT PARTICIPATE** in the contest.
- Heads and administrators of educational institutions who are **not directly involved in teaching** primary school students are **NOT ALLOWED** to participate in the contest
- **Participation of teachers in the contest is free**

§ 3. Awards of the 13th Contest

The contest is held in two rounds (see § 5). Awards for the final results of the contest:

1ST PLACE:

- Diploma of the winner of the contest and the title of **FIRST TEACHER** of the 2024/25 academic year
- 7-10-day educational trip to one of the world's centers with a rich cultural program, accompanied by the founder of the contest

1st, 2nd, 3rd PLACES:

- Diploma and the title of **LAUREATE** of the contest

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- Educational trip with the entire class of students for the weekend to Bishkek, the capital of the Kyrgyz Republic, with a rich cultural program

Six winners of the first round

- Diplomas of the WINNERS of the 1ST ROUND and memorable gifts

All Participants of the contest accepted to the 1st round of the contest

- Certificate of Participant and invitation to the 2nd round and the award ceremony as fans and spectators

§ 4. Jury contest, the Host and the Organizing Committee

The Jury consists of at least 10 experts from the education system. The Jury is formed by the Founder of the Foundation from professional employees of educational, scientific, methodological institutions and winners of the “First Teacher” contest of previous years. The Jury is published on the Foundation’s website before the start of the evaluation process.

The JURY members participate in the work within the framework of the contest **free of charge on a voluntary basis**.

The Host of the 2nd round and the award ceremony works **free of charge on a voluntary basis**

The Organizing Committee of the contest consists of the Founder of the Foundation; if necessary, the Founder involves volunteers in the organizational work. The Organizing Committee resolves all issues related to planning the contest, informing the participants, organizing and holding the first and second rounds, attracting and organizing the work of the jury members, calculating the results of the participants, awarding the winners and laureates, organizing and holding trips. The Organizing Committee works free of charge.

§ 5. Financing the expenses of the 13th Contest

The contest (like all previous twelve contests) is fully covered by the funds of the Sanjarbek Daniyarov Public Foundation (SDKF), which are formed from the personal contributions of the Founder of the Foundation.

Comment. Due to the limited nature of this source, the Foundation is interested in supporting volunteers and sponsors from among the citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic. Organizations can support the project by providing transportation, a hall for the 2nd round and the Award Ceremony for the winners, and a room to accommodate children during the trip to the capital - Bishkek. The foundation's details for financial support are listed on the foundation's website.

The budget of previous contests is published on the foundation's website.

§ 6. Contents of the Contest and Forms of Conduct

The Contest is held in two rounds:

The first round is correspondence, written. It consists of an essay contest ON THE THEME OF THE YEAR. Each essay is assessed by 7 (seven) jury members on a 5-point scale based on 6 criteria (listed in § 6), the maximum score is 210 points (7x5x6=210). Essays are distributed among jury members in a random order. The Organizing Committee assigns a unique code to all accepted essays. Essays with a code, without the author's name and the name of the school, region, that is, in ANONYMOUS FORM, are transferred to jury members for assessment. Based on the results of the essay assessment, 6 (six) winners of the first round are determined, who scored the highest points. They become participants in the 2nd round.

The second round is in-person, oral. It consists of an oral contest of 6 winners of the first round, who give answers to questions from three tasks.

Participants receive for data and evaluation criteria after the results of the first round are summed up and no later than 10 days before the 2nd round. During the second round, the participant receives one option out of six based on a draw within each task. Thus, the Participant answers three questions during the second round. After answering the question of the task, the jury members can ask the Participant clarifying questions. The answers are evaluated by a jury of at least 10 people. Based on the results of the Second round, the **FIRST TEACHER - WINNER**, who took 1st place, and the **LAUREATES** of the contest, who took 2nd and 3rd places, are announced.

§ 7. Topic of the 13th Contest Essay

TEACHER'S REFLECTIONS ON THE USE OF OBSCENE BY SCHOOLCHILDREN IN EVERYDAY SPEECH

Sample questions to cover in the essay. The content may include, but is not limited to, answers to these questions:

Is the use of foul language widespread among primary school students? Among parents? Among teachers? Is it a problem? Or is it not scary - "it will pass with time"? Do children understand the meaning of such words? How do children feel about the use of foul language by others and in their own speech? What is the reason, what are the roots of this phenomenon? Should the teacher do something about it? If so, what exactly? Can a positive result be achieved through educational measures? Who is the teacher's ally in this matter?

§ 8. Essay Requirements

- **Essay language:** Kyrgyz or Russian, at the participant's choice. Language is not a criterion for selecting and evaluating an essay.
- **Essay volume:** no less than 3 full A4 pages of printed text with a font size of no more than 12 with a spacing of 1.15 and standard margins, or no less than 900 words
- **Essay structure:** must consist of 3 parts - introduction, main body and conclusion.
- **Content:** must contain only the AUTHOR'S OWN TEXT, and not rewritten from other sources. Quotes from the works of other authors are allowed only with an indication of the source of the citation, while they may occupy NO more than 10% of the essay. The essay will be checked for uniqueness (for the absence of plagiarism)
- **Format:** The essay must be submitted ONLY in electronic form, printed in the WORD program. Essays in pdf format, as a manuscript, scan or photographs ARE NOT ACCEPTED.
- **Font:** any type. Essays in Kyrgyz are accepted ONLY if they use the letters of the Kyrgyz alphabet (with the letters ө, ү, һ).
- **Design:** DO NOT decorate the text with patterns, frames and photographs or create a title page.

§ 9. Essay evaluation criteria:

- completeness of topic disclosure
- clarity and precision of presentation of the main idea
- style of presentation (artistic quality)
- literacy of writing
- usefulness for further work, transfer of experience
- non-standard approach to the essay topic

§ 10. Procedure for accepting essays for the 1st round of the 13th Contest

To participate in the 1st round of the contest, you must send **THREE DOCUMENTS**

1. ESSAY on the topic of the year (the topic and requirements are specified in § 6) in WORD format
2. PARTICIPANT'S QUESTIONNAIRE strictly according to the form, completely filled out in WORD format (APPENDIX No. 1) or interactive PDF (APPENDIX No. 2)
3. A COPY OF THE PROGRESS CHART of the students of the Participant's class for the LAST 2023/2024 academic year, certified by the seal and signature of the school administration. A copy of the report card must be sent as a scan or photograph.
 - Teachers of the zero and first grades send a list of students instead of a report card.
 - First-year teachers (after graduating from a university or college) send a certificate from their place of work, certified by the principal or head teacher with the school seal

All three documents for the Contest are accepted only by e-mail to the address: sdkf.meldesh@gmail.com. Documents must be attached to ONE e-mail message as an attachment. If the questionnaire or report card is not completed, the essay will not be considered by the Organizing Committee.

When sending documents, in the "Subject" line of the e-mail message (not to be confused with the topic of the essay), the message should be titled: "FOR THE 13TH CONTEST FROM THE TEACHER ... (indicate FULL NAME)". The Organizing Committee checks ALL documents sent to the contest for compliance with the contest requirements (but does not evaluate the essays in points). If all three documents comply with the requirements of the REGULATIONS, the Organizing Committee notifies the author that the essay has been accepted for the contest and sends it to the jury members (without the author's name). If the requirements are not met, the Organizing Committee informs the author of the nature of the discrepancy and suggests making changes.

The Organizing Committee sends the notification, as well as further correspondence with the Participant, to the Participant by e-mail or WhatsApp. If the author does not receive a notification of acceptance or rejection for the contest within 3 days, this means that the materials have not been received by the Organizing Committee.

§ 11. Terms, time and place of the Contest:

FIRST ROUND:

- Submission of essays - from November 1, 2024 to **February 28, 2025**.
- Evaluation of essays by jury members - until March 21, 2025.
- Scoring by the Organizing Committee - until March 31, 2025.
- Announcement of the results of the 1st round to the Participants - **April 4, 2025**.

SECOND ROUND and AWARD CEREMONY OF THE WINNER:

- Tentative 19 or 26 April 2025 (Saturday). The location of the 2nd round and the Winner Award Ceremony will be announced along with the results of the 1st round.

EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

- The 1st place winner's trip is planned for the period during 2025, more precise dates will be determined by agreement with the winner.
- The Winner (1st place) and Laureates (2nd and 3rd places) trips with students are tentatively planned for the summer of 2025. More precise dates will be agreed with the Winner and Laureates.

§ 12. Consolidation of the results of the 13th FIRST TEACHER Contest

- Coverage of the contest and bonus educational trips on the website of the Sanjarbek Daniyarov Public Foundation (SDCF) www.daniyarov.kg and in social networks
- Interview with the First Teacher (at the teacher's request) on the Foundation's website

- Critical discussion of the contest with its participants on the website, in social networks and in the participants' chat
- Informing the public and District Education Departments about the winners of the contest

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