

## **2009TC/OBC KIDVID CONTEST**

### **Rules of the Contest**

The Transition Center's Overseas Briefing Center and the Foreign Service Youth Foundation are sponsoring the thirteenth annual worldwide KIDVID Contest for production of a DVD that depicts life for Foreign Service youth at your post. Winners will be awarded cash prizes and are invited to attend the annual Youth Award Ceremony sponsored by FSYF held in the summer. This contest is open to children ages 10-18 of Foreign Affairs agency officials assigned to posts overseas. This contest is not open to members of the general public.

Foreign Service children and their parents come to the OBC to research their assignments and they want to see what life will be like for them at post. Housing, schooling, recreational facilities, community life, and depicting city life are the most important elements to communicate. We want the viewpoint of the younger members of the Foreign Service Community. Following are basic guidelines for suitable topics; contest rules can be disseminated directly to potential contestants.

What would be of most interest to other children and teens who have been assigned to your post? Examples should include:

#### City

- 1) Typical points of entry for new arrivals
- 2) Major sights
- 3) View of the city from a high point
- 4) Local neighborhoods and shopping areas that you use
- 5) Typical landscape, different animals (if applicable)

#### Housing

- 1) View of typical bedroom for different age groups
- 2) Backyard or play areas for kids
- 3) Exterior and interior housing views (at least a couple of examples from different embassy neighborhoods, especially if housing differs considerably at various locations)

#### School

- 1) View of the school buildings, playgrounds, and sports fields
- 2) Classrooms, library, computer room, chemistry lab or other room of particular interest
- 3) School activities in progress (if at all possible), including students and teachers

- 4) Special equipment in use
- 5) Sports teams and facilities

### Shopping

- 1) Where does your family buy groceries every week? Are there good places to shop for clothes?
- 2) Favorite shopping areas where you go with your family or can go by yourself

### Community life

What young children and teens do in their free time is very interesting to new people moving to your post.

- 1) What kind of recreational activities do you have at your post? (i.e. pool, American Club, beaches, horseback riding, etc.)
- 2) How do you celebrate American holidays there?
- 3) What are the favorite restaurants in the city? Do you have fast food restaurants like those in the US?
4. What are the biggest tourist attractions at your post?

### Contest Rules for Video Production

1. Eligibility: Family members (ages 10-18) of USG direct-hire and contract employees who are assigned to the US Mission.
2. Contest procedures: It is suggested that the Management Officer or Community Liaison Office Coordinator take responsibility for the advertisement of the contest at post. A camera-ready advertisement and a set of rules will be sent to the CLOs overseas. Contact Maureen Johnston, if you do not receive them. The contest rules, also available on OpenNet <http://fsi.state.gov/rd.asp?ID=78> , should be announced, explained and made available in written form to anyone who wishes to enter the contest.
3. All posts are welcome to submit nominations. Posts with previous winners can enter again. Boarding school students spending the holidays with parents at post are welcome to participate in the contest.
4. Entry must be submitted in a Mini-DV or DVD format that is compatible with US standards.
5. Before videotaping, be aware of any local restrictions on using a video camera in public. Americans who are videotaped need to be informed of the purpose of the DVD (see paragraph 13).
6. Entries will be judged on the basis of visual presentation, audio clarity including the narration, length of video and thorough coverage of content. See examples above.
7. Music, graphics, and special effects may be used but are not required. We are not looking for professional quality productions; good home video quality is

perfectly acceptable. Technical quality is not as important as content. A good product is one that gives a clear portrayal of a student's life at post.

8. Ideal video length is between 15 and 30 minutes.

9. We ask that adults provide minimal assistance in the video production.

10. Multiple entries from different students at a post may be submitted to the contest.

11. Group submissions are acceptable, but group winners will have their prize money divided accordingly.

12. FSYF, through a generous donation from Oakwood International Corporate Housing, will award cash prizes to the top winners.

13. All submissions become property of OBC and will not be returned to contestants. The DVDs will be kept in the OBC and other Foreign Service reference libraries, for use by those students and family members who will be moving to the post. As OBC property, these videos may also be made available to the public.

14. Submissions must be accompanied by the following printed information from each student who participated in the production of the video;

Name

Parent Agency

Pouch Address

Telephone Number

Grade and Age

City and Country

15. Contestants must acknowledge that they have read and understand the contest rules and uses to which the DVD may be put.

16. Send contest submissions to the following address:

KIDVID Contest

Overseas Briefing Center

Room E2126

Shultz Center

Department of State

Washington, DC 20522-4201

17. Contest deadline: Submissions must be received in the Overseas Briefing Center by April 15, 2009. Contest winners will be announced by the end of May.

Please make this contest widely known at your post to maximize this opportunity for the young people of your community. Questions regarding the contest rules or guidelines can be directed by Department e-mail or by Internet ([johnstonm5@state.gov](mailto:johnstonm5@state.gov)), phone, (703-302-7277), or fax (703-302-7452), to Maureen Johnston at the Overseas Briefing Center.

