

Maifest/German Day Competitions
Thursday, May 4, 2017
Bowling Green State University

General Comments: Since we must limit each school to one entry in each category, we encourage you to conduct your own competitions ahead of time to arrive at your best entrants. First, second and third prizes will be awarded. Should the number of schools desiring to participate exceed the number we can accommodate, we will let you know promptly. In fairness to all, we must exclude visiting exchange students from the competitions, but certainly not from attending!

Culture Quiz: One team per school, with a maximum of five students per team. We will be using the buzzer system again this year, so that we can run preliminary rounds with direct competition, with the highest-scoring teams competing in a final round.

Please note that “culture” is meant here in a very broad sense, including, for example, geography, politics, history, daily life, basic German vocabulary, and current events. While we strive to grade questions according to difficulty and to make the questions progressively more difficult toward the end of the contest, experience has taught us that our predictions or assessments of degrees of difficulty are not always infallible!

Dramatic Skit: One entry per school. There is a time limit of five minutes, but a skit of three minutes is also fine, to give all schools an opportunity to participate. No limit on number of persons in skit. Skits may be written by the class, by the teacher, by German-speaking authors or by others. Costumes and props may be added for flavor (please NO STRAW or other messy props). Good pronunciation, grammatically correct German and overall presentation are most important in the judging.

TV Commercial: Rules same as Dramatic Skit, except there is a three-minute time limit.

Video Production: Two categories – I. first & second-year students, II. third through fifth-year students. One entry per school in each category. Can be an individual or team project, but must be original. No limits on the subject matter or medium except that it must relate to German language or culture. **For judging purposes, entries should be submitted by sending the link for your video to Dr. Kristie Foell (foell@bgsu.edu) by 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 24. Late submissions will not be accepted.**

Web-Site or Computer Presentation (e.g. PowerPoint): Same rules as for Video Production, but **Web Site must be accessible by 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 24. Late submissions will not be accepted.**