



XXV SETTIMANA DELLA LINGUA ITALIANA NEL MONDO

ITALOFONIA: LINGUA OLTRE I CONFINI

Introduction

“La settimana della lingua italiana nel mondo” (SLIM), scheduled for the week of October 13-19, 2025, will have as its title: “Italofofia: lingua oltre i confini.” This contest proposal draws inspiration from the theme chosen for the SLIM, aiming to celebrate the linguistic, cultural, and social space of Italian by imagining a new community of people around the world united by their passion for our language and, through it, by their closeness to our Country.

Eligibility

The contest is open to all students within the Consular jurisdiction (Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont) who are attending Italian classes. It is divided into four categories:

- Primary school (K-5)
- Middle school (grade 6-8)
- High school (grade 9-12)
- College or University
- Native speakers of Italian

Contest

Participants (individually or in class/groups) are required to produce an entry inspired by the contest theme, following the specifications below:

Contest for Elementary and Middle School (K-8)

Theme: “L’italiano per me” - In small groups or individually, choose one creative work:

- **Drawing or comic strip** with a title in Italian and at least **three keywords** in Italian related to the theme
- **Three-dimensional creation** (collage, artistic object, model, etc.) inspired by the Italian language, accompanied by a brief written description in Italian (max 5 lines)
- **Digital or paper poster** on the theme, with slogan, keywords, and images
- **Short video** (max 5 minutes) in which students describe where they encounter Italian outside school (family, internet, cuisine, music, sports, etc.)

Contest for High School and College/University

Theme: “Italoфония: raccontare una lingua che unisce” - In small groups or individually, create a pilot episode of a podcast (audio or video):

- Monologue, dialogue, interview, or narrated commentary
- Duration: minimum 3-maximum 10 minutes
- Language: Italian

The entry must have an original title and address one of the following topics:

- My story with Italian
- Where I encounter Italian in my world
- Italian as the language of friendship or family
- Italian in my city, my school, or in the media
- Italian and the other languages I speak
- A testimony/interview (real or simulated) with an Italian speaking person in the world

INTEGRATION:

High schools

By “pilot episode” of a podcast, we mean a trial episode of a series of video or audio installments on one of the topics listed in the call for entries. The episode should represent an example of what the series could become, regardless of whether the series is actually completed or not.

In the case of high schools, for example, by choosing the theme “*A testimony/interview with an Italian-speaking person*,” students may present an initial interview that could serve as the premise for further interviews to be developed later on.

Colleges/Universities

Considering the higher competence of university students, they may present either: (1) a pilot episode of a podcast, meaning a trial episode of a video or audio series on one of the topics listed in the call for entries—regardless of whether the full series is later produced or not; or (2) alternatively, a single episode of the same series, following the pilot, with a duration between 3 and 10 minutes. Each episode will be evaluated individually.

Deadline and submission

Entries must be sent to the Italian Consulate by **December 19th, 2025**.

Contestants should send their work to the email address ufficioscuole.boston@esteri.it,

following the instructions below:

Subject: "CONCORSO SLIM 2025"

Attachment: name your file as shown below:

for SCHOOLS (K-12):

"Lastname/s_School_Grade_Linguistic Level
(Beginning/Intermediate/Advanced)_Title of the chosen text"

for UNIVERSITIES:

"Lastname/s_University_Year of course_Linguistic Level
(Beginning/Intermediate/Advanced)_Title of the chosen text"

Example:

Marroncelli_MedfordHigh_Gr10_La grammatica della fantasia

The [modulo di partecipazione](#) and, in case of underage pupils, the [modulo di liberatoria SLIM XXV](#) should also be attached in the forwarding email.

The work must be authentic and exclusively the result of the students' imagination and language skills.

We assume that all work submitted by the students has been generated by the students themselves, working individually or in groups. Students must not entrust another person/entity to write any part of the work in Italian, which includes the use of artificial intelligence tools. Online dictionaries are admitted.

N.B. Any violation will result in disqualifications from the contest.

Evaluation criteria:

Works will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- originality of the submission
- development of the theme
- linguistic competence
- communicative/expressive skills.
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Prizes

Winners will be awarded a book voucher worth 100,00 USD, offered by the Consulate General and the initiative's partners/sponsors (I AM Books, CASIT).

Waiver

Entries submitted to the contest will remain at the disposal of the Education Office of the Consulate General of Italy. Participants, by participating in the initiative with their proposed entries, assign to the Education Office all exclusive rights and grant full, exclusive, irrevocable license to use said entries. The entries may be published, as well as used for the creation of exhibitions and other types of initiatives.