Prizes and Awards

The International Linguistics Challenge is primarily an educational program that helps students strengthen and demonstrate their analytical abilities through linguistic challenges. To encourage participation, we offer certificates, awards, monetary prizes, and international recognition. The prizes are worth 1,500 USD in total: 700 USD in cash prizes (listed below), plus partner program scholarships, awards, and certificates.

Every participant receives a certificate acknowledging their effort. In the Final Round, exceptional performance is recognized with Bronze, Silver, or Gold Honours. The top students in each age category receive 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Prizes, while National Awards are presented to the highest-scoring participants from each country.

Cash Prizes (700 USD in total)

Senior:

1st Prize:	125 USD	Cash Prize, Special 1st Prize Certificate
2nd Prize:	75 USD	Cash Prize, Special 2nd Prize Certificate
3rd Prize:	50 USD	Cash Prize, Special 3rd Prize Certificate

Youth:

1st Prize:	110 USD	Cash Prize, Special 1st Prize Certificate
2nd Prize:	70 USD	Cash Prize, Special 2nd Prize Certificate
3rd Prize:	50 USD	Cash Prize, Special 3rd Prize Certificate

Junior:

1st Prize:	100 USD	Cash Prize, Special 1st Prize Certificate
2nd Prize:	70 USD	Cash Prize, Special 2nd Prize Certificate
3rd Prize:	50 USD	Cash Prize, Special 3rd Prize Certificate

We further honour the following achievements, which are outlined in the sec-

tions below:

National Awards: Special National Award Certificate

Partner Program Scholarships: Fee waivers and discounts for educational programs offered by our partners

All Finalists: Participation Certificate with Bronze, Silver, or Gold Honour

All Participants: Official Participation Certificate
+ Special Honour for Digital Submissions

What is the ”Special Honour for Digital Submissions”?

Participants whose submissions are written using a professional typesetting tools (e.g, TeX) receive a special honourary note on their certificates.

Who will receive National Awards?

We honor the top three participants from each country who achieve at least 50% of total Final Round points. These students receive a National Award certificate, and the list of top national participants will be published on our website.

1 Awards for Ambassadors

Each year, we recognize our most dedicated ambassadors through special awards. Awards are based on the number of students they recruit, documented outreach activities, and community involvement:

1x ILC Ambassador Award for Most Overall Participants:	Given to the ambassador who encouraged the most students to register for ILC.
1x ILC Ambassador Award for Most Finalists:	Given to the ambassador who helped the most students qualify for the Final Round.
ILC Ambassador Award for Exceptional Engagement:	Given to ambassadors who show strong dedication by organizing activities, motivating students to explore linguistics, or providing significant assistance to ILC participants.

2 Awards for Schools

Recognizing the important contribution of educators and institutions in developing linguistic talent, ILC offers three categories of school recognition (non-monetary):

1x ILC School Award for Most Participants:	Given to the school with the most registered students in the Qualification Round.
1x ILC School Award for Most Finalists:	Given to the school with the most students advancing to the Final Round.
ILC School Awards for Excellence:	Given to schools showing strong overall student achievement, creating a supportive environment for participants, or demonstrating strong dedication to linguistics education through ILC.

How do schools participate to win these awards?

Schools automatically participate when students register using the school's name. Please ensure all students enter the school name accurately and consistently. We also encourage teachers from participating schools to register on our educator platform.

3 Further Achievements

Participation in international competitions like ILC supports personal development and strengthens academic credentials. It provides an opportunity to sharpen analytical abilities, engage with linguistic phenomena, and connect with peers who share an interest in language science.

Global Network: Participants and award recipients join the international ILC community: a network of motivated students worldwide. This community supports collaboration, shared learning, and lasting connections. Connection information is provided to qualified participants.

Opportunities (e.g., Research Programs, Scholarships): The ILC team shares information about relevant international and regional opportunities, including research programs, scholarships, linguistics conferences, language documentation projects, and related competitions. This information reaches qualifying participants directly and through our community platform.

Regional Meetups & Events: The ILC team organizes meetings and workshops in various regions. All participants are invited to attend and connect with fellow language enthusiasts.

Do I receive a hard copy of the certificate(s)?

Hard copies of certificates will be mailed to all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Prize winners. All other participants, including finalists receiving Honours, will receive high-quality digital certificates (PDF) featuring permanent verification IDs, accessible via:

`https://lingchallenge.org/verify`