



TỔ CHỨC HỘI NGỘ AN BANG HẢI NGOẠI
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WRITING CONTEST

Theme: **I Am an An-Banger**

1. Objectives:

- 1.1. To explore and discover young talents in writing among An-Bangers in America
- 1.2. To select meaningfully articles for the Special Magazine after the An-Bang Villagers Conference in 2019
- 1.3. To create an opportunity for young An-Bangers to express their love towards their roots through the form of writing
- 1.4. To create a bridge for young An-Bangers to connect with the upcoming An-Bang Villagers Conference, in preparing them for serving the An-Bang Community in the future

2. Who Can Participate?

- 2.1. An-Bang People of all ages, including spouses of An-Bangers, or having An-Bang root, who will attend the upcoming An-Bang Villagers Conference
- 2.2. There will be 3 age groups as follows:
 - 2.2.1. Group 1: Under 18
 - 2.2.2. Group 2: 18 – 24 years old
 - 2.2.3. Group 3: 25 or Over

3. Topics:

- 3.1. Group 1:
 - 3.1.1. Write about a cultural event of An-Bang that you have participated.
 - 3.1.2. If you are born and grow up in America, what lead you to understand that you have your root from An-Bang?
 - 3.1.3. What do you need to do to be an An-Bang person, according to your elders and how have you adjusted to that expectation?
- 3.2. Group 2:
 - 3.2.1. As an An-Banger growing up in America, what challenges have you faced with? How have you dealt with the obstacles within your ability?
 - 3.2.2. Write about a meaningful conversation that you had with another An-Banger in the past. From that conversation, what is the value of An-Bang?
 - 3.2.3. What do you know about the migration of An-Bang People through your parents? Please share your thoughts and point out a few areas that make you feel proud of your root.
- 3.3. Group 3:
 - 3.3.1. Have you ever participated in any of the An-Bang organizations? If so, describe your responsibilities and somehow glorify this meaningful task. If no, write about an organization that you want to participate in and describe how it should be operated.
 - 3.3.2. Have you ever participated in any of the activities organized and operated by an An-Bang Charity? Why did or didn't you take part in?
 - 3.3.3. What are your ideas on preserving the An-Bang culture and root in America? Persuade your readers by using examples from your experience and/or from other successful communities who have done so.



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- 3.3.4. As a person growing up in America, you may not know much about An-Bang; all you know is that your parent(s) is (are) An-Banger(s). What are your efforts in finding out your root? Have you ever been satisfied with your discovery?
- 3.3.5. What makes you feel proud of being an-An-Banger or having the An-Bang root?

4. Rules:

- 4.1. Select one topic question from the group corresponding to your age. You may send multiple entries; however, the judges will only select only one best article from you to judge.
- 4.2. Genre: composition, poetry, short story, drama play
- 4.3. Language: Vietnamese, English, or both
- 4.4. Length and structure: 2 to 3 pages in Times New Roman, font 12, single space
- 4.5.** Deadline: Submit your entries from January 1, 2019, through **May 31, 2019**
- 4.6. The Organizers or the Judge Committee have the right to reject any entries if deemed plagiarized.
- 4.7. Submit your entries to HoiNgoAnBang@gmail.com. Please write “Writing Contest” on the email subject.
 - 4.7.1. Please attach a photo illustrating your article
 - 4.7.2. You can use your pen name; however, for the purpose of verifying, please let us know a bit about yourself, including your true name, age, city and state of residence, and if possible, your parents’ names.
- 4.8. Your entries will be forwarded to the Judge Committee prior to proofreading.
- 4.9. Scoring system: A total of 35 possible points awarded to each article. Each judge will give a score from 1 to 7 points to each of the following areas:
 - 4.9.1. Meet all the above requirements
 - 4.9.2. The depth of the article
 - 4.9.3. Language techniques, grammar and spellings
 - 4.9.4. Easy to follow (judge’s take)
 - 4.9.5. Coherent thought and be able to persuade readers
- 4.10. Three best articles from each group will be posted on Anbangnews.com simultaneously. Anbangnews.com readers will then decide for first, second, and third places for each group through likes, comments, and shares method.
- 4.11. All participants who have been announced as First, Second, and Third places will be introduced and awarded at the An-Bang Villagers Abroad Conference, which will occur on July 14, 2019 in Miami, Florida.
- 4.12. In an event that the number of entries is less than 30, the Organizers have the right to alter the rules to best appropriately fit with the number of participants.

5. The Judge Committee:

- 5.1. All members of the Culture Board of the An-Bang Villagers Abroad Conference.

6. Prizes and Awards:

- 6.1. The award ceremony will occur on July 14, 2019, at 2:00 PM.
- 6.2. 3 First Places (1 from each group): **\$1,000** each + souvenirs
- 6.3. 3 Second Places (1 from each group): **\$500** each + souvenirs
- 6.4. 3 Third Places (1 from each group): **\$300** each + souvenirs
- 6.5. 12 Consolation Prizes (from all groups): **\$100** each + souvenirs
- 6.6. All participants will be awarded with souvenirs of **\$10-\$20** values