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The 2024 Annual DAAD Contest #DAADBracketChallenge

ELIGIBILITY

The contest will run from 09:00am (EDT) on May 13th, 2024 to 11:59pm (EDT) on June 13th, 2024 (“Entry Period”). This contest is offered in the United States, its territories, and Canada, and is open only to legal residents who are 18 years of age or older and enrolled as a full-time student in a university degree program in the U.S. or Canada at an accredited institution. Employees of the German Academic Exchange Service (hereafter referred to as “Sponsor”), their affiliates, members of their households (whether related or not), and their immediate families (spouses or partners, parents, siblings, children and each of their respective spouses), including respective affiliated companies, franchisees, as well as winners of past DAAD annual contests, are ineligible. Void outside the United States or Canada and where prohibited by law.

HOW TO ENTER

View the contest website [here](#) for entry guidelines.

PRIZES

A total of three (3) prizes will be given away. No transfer, substitution or cash equivalent of prizes is permitted except at the sole discretion of Sponsor. The prizes consist of one (1) Grand Prize: One (1) roundtrip economy class airplane ticket from the US (and its territories) or Canada to Germany (up to a maximum value of USD 1,700). Winner will bear the difference in cost of flight if cost exceeds USD 1,700. One (1) Second Prize will be an online language course at the Goethe-Institut. One (1) Third Prize winner will receive a Germany National Football Team t-shirt, or a facsimile thereof.

PRIZE CLAIMS

Each potential prize winner will be notified by August 31st, 2024 via a traceable method of delivery. If Sponsor is unable to reach the winner at the contact information they have provided within seven calendar days, the entry will be forfeited and the Sponsor may select an alternate winner.

PRIZE RESTRICTIONS

The Grand Prize is subject to availability at the time of booking. Air travel arrangements will be made through the Sponsor. The flight ticket must be purchased by October 31st, 2024. The dates of travel are determined by the prizewinner and may also take place in 2025 (as long as



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the ticket is purchased by October 31, 2024.) Prizewinner must specify dates of travel and provide all information to the Sponsor at least one month prior to the departure date. Any costs incurred by changing travel dates or canceling the trip must be borne by the prizewinner. It is the responsibility of the first prize recipient (prizewinner) to reimburse the Sponsor for the cost of the ticket of the trip if the trip must be canceled other than due to an act of God, death, or illness.

It is advised that the prize recipient purchase travel insurance. The selected entrant is responsible for obtaining the necessary passport and/or visas, as well as any other transportation and requirements for the destination and transfer points.

Tickets may not be combined with and/or applied to other certificates, promotions, or special offers, including, but not limited to upgrades, government fares, tour/travel packages, group, convention/company meeting fares, bereavement, companion fares, senior citizen discounts, corporate agreements, student fares, child fares, travel industry discounts, internet fares, frequent flier programs or any unpublished programs.

The Grand Prize winners will be responsible for all expenses not specifically stated as part of the Prize, including but not limited to any applicable taxes, fees, visas, airport charges and carrier surcharges, local transportation including air or ground transportation from the winner's home to a gateway airport, overnight accommodation prior to or following the travel dates in order to accommodate flight connections, income taxes, insurance, passport and visa costs, gratuities, all meals, beverages, incidentals and any items of a personal nature. Cancellation insurance is not part of the prize but is recommended (must be arranged privately by winner).

The second prize winner may enroll in either a 10-week blended course or a 5-week intensive blended course at the Goethe-Institut (online or in-person).

Prizes must be accepted as awarded with no substitution. Prizes are non-transferable and cannot be redeemed for cash or credit, in whole or in part, for any destination or purpose. The Sponsor reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to substitute the prize, or portions thereof, with a prize of equal, lesser, or greater value due to prize unavailability for any reason.

GENERAL TERMS

The decisions of the Sponsor for the contest will be final and binding on all entrants. By entering, entrants agree that they have read, understood and agree to these contest rules and regulations, and release Sponsor from all liability in connection with the contest and/or any Prize. Prize is subject to all applicable federal, state/provincial and municipal taxes which are the responsibility of the winner.

Sponsor reserves the right to amend or terminate all or any portion of this contest at any time without prior notification. Sponsor reserves the right to substitute a Prize of equal, lesser or



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greater value in the event of non-availability of the Prize for any reason. Void where prohibited by law.

LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY

Sponsor is not responsible for lost, late, stolen, illegible, misdirected, incomplete, mutilated, or postage due mail; any incorrect or inaccurate information caused by web site users or by telephone equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the contest; any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access of the web site; any injury or damage to participants or to any other person's computer(s) related to or resulting from participating in this contest, or downloading materials from or use of the web site. Sponsor reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel, modify or suspend this contest, should any form of fraudulent or automated multi-submission voting corrupt the administration or be detected, security or proper plan of the contest. In the event of such action, Sponsor will award all prizes in a juried selection from all eligible, non-suspect entries received at of the time of such action. All submissions become the property of the Sponsor and will not be returned.

Please note that by entering the contest, entrants grant the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) a royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or subsequently developed, for any educational, promotional, publicity, exhibition, archival, scholarly and all other standard Smithsonian purposes. Any photograph or other artwork reproduced will include a photographer or artist credit as feasible. The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.

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