

Contest Title: "Fort Ross 2.0"

Terms and Conditions

1. General Provisions

1.1. Contest "Fort Ross 2.0," hereafter referred to as "Contest" conducted by representative office of nonprofit corporation "Project Harmony, Inc." with the support of the U.S. Embassy in the Russian Federation.

1.2. The Contest will highlight the cultural and educational ties between Russia and the United States exemplified by Fort Ross, a historic Russian settlement on the west coast of the United States. Located in northern California, Fort Ross is a crossroads of culture, bringing together Russian, American, Spanish, and Native American history. This settlement bears witness to the birth of the relationship between the United States and Russia and is of special significance for both countries.

1.3. During the Contest, participating teams will create Fort Ross-themed quest hereafter referred to as "Quest". Two winning teams will visit the United States, including Fort Ross, in July 2016.

1.4. Contest location: Russian Federation.

2. Aims and objectives of the competition

The main objective of the Contest is to create Fort Ross themed quest, using modern mobile, multimedia and information resources and technology. It is achieved through, completing series of tasks:

- In-depth acquaintance of the Contest participants with the history of Fort Ross;
- Studying the history of U.S.-Russian relations;
- Increasing interest of competitors and potential participants of the quests in understanding languages and cultures of Russia and the United States;
- Sharing experience and information between educational establishments participating in the Contest and Fort Ross museum complex staff;
- Creating Quests dedicated to Fort Ross and history of U.S.-Russian bilateral relations aiming to use the aforementioned quests for educational purposes at educational institutions of various levels;
- Creating the video promoting the participating team and the quest.

3. Contest duration

The Contest will be held from October 20, 2015 to July 31, 2016 and consists of several stages:

- Contest announcement - October 20, 2015
- Acceptance of entries: October 21, 2015 - December 20, 2015
- Review of submitted proposals, absentee selection of semifinalists: January 1 - 25, 2016
- Skype interview with the semi-finalists: February 1-15, 2016
- Winning teams announcement: February 25, 2016
- Winning teams travel to the United States.: July 2016

4. Contestants

- 4.1. Participation in the Contest is open to teams consisting of three high school students (grades 8-10) and a teacher. All team members must be proficient in English.
- 4.2. The contest entries must be submitted on behalf of each team.
- 4.3 Preference will be given to applications submitted by students who have not had previously visited the United States.
- 4.4 Representatives of the winning team must have international passports by the April 1, 2016.

5. Conditions, management and contest conducting

- 5.1. Participation in the contest is free of charge.
- 5.2. The Quest can be created in any form (including, but not limited to mobile application, website, interactive presentation, etc.). The quest should be created in online format, and the application should include a link to the resource.

Compulsory conditions:

- All Quests should be dedicated to Fort Ross, the Quest shall be based on reliable information about the Fort and its history;
- **The topic of the quest is “In the summer of 2015 Russian students and teachers visited Fort Ross. What secrets did the Fort reveal to them?”**
- All team members must be proficient in English;
- The Quest shall be developed in two languages (Russian and English).
- Mobile devices (computers, smartphones, tablets) shall be used in the course of the Quest;
- Winners of the 2014-2015 Fort Ross Quest contest are not eligible to participate in Fort Ross 2.0 competition.

5.3 To apply, the team should fill out the [online application form](#) consisting of:

5.3.1 Participating team contact information;

5.3.2 A link to the online quest;

5.3.3 A link to the video promoting the participating team and the quest. The video should meet the following criteria:

- The video should introduce the team and the quest;
- Maximum three minutes long;
- All team members should participate in the video, and explain their role in creating the quest;
- The video should be in English;
- The video should be uploaded on YouTube.

5.3.4 Personal Information Release Consent. Forms can be downloaded from the online application form.

5.3.5 Photo and Video Publication Consent. Forms can be downloaded from the online application form.

5.4 Information about Fort Ross, useful links as well as photo and video resources can be found on the U.S. Embassy website's [special page on Fort Ross](#).

5.5 The decision to grant U.S. entry visas to the winning team is made by the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in the Russian Federation.

6. Copyright

6.1. The author or group of authors who submitted their work to participate in the contest shall bear all responsibility for copyright compliance.

6.2. By submitting their work for the contest, the author or a group of authors shall hereby entitle the organizers with the right to use submitted materials (including but not limited to posting on the Internet, participation in creative projects) on the terms of a non-exclusive license.

6.3 The contest participants ensure exclusive application development without illegal use and citation of publications, Web sites, electronic media, etc.

6.4. The contest participants or their parents shall consent to the processing of their personal data: name, surname, patronymic, date of birth, email address, place of study / work and other personal data, provided by the participants of the competition, according to the Federal Law "On Personal Data" from 27.07 .2006, № 152-FZ (the current version of 03/08/2013) (Appendix 1).

6.5. All materials submitted to the contest are non-refundable.

6.6. Parents of minor participants shall consent to the use of photo and video materials involving their children (see Annex 2). The consent shall be scanned and submitted by the participants with the application.

7. Results of the contest

7.1. Selection of winners proceeds in 2 stages:

- Stage One - selection of semi-finalist teams
- Stage Two - selection of the two winning teams based on Skype-interviews with each of the semi-finalist teams.

7.2. Semi-finalists shall be awarded with diplomas and special prizes.

7.3. The two winning teams will be awarded with a study trip to the U.S. in July, 2016. Contest organizers shall bear all expenses for the payment of visa service, travel, accommodation and per diem to all participants of the winning teams.

7.4. All participants shall be informed about the results of the contest. The results will be then posted on the Project Harmony and U.S. Embassy websites and their respective Facebook pages.

8. Contact Information

All queries regarding the contest shall be submitted via email to FortRoss@ph-int.org.

To submit an application for the contest please fill out [the application form](#).