



Video/Essay **CONTEST**

Win a scholarship to attend Concordia Language Villages.

A value of \$1,425!

Who can enter?

All fourth and fifth grade students in the Bemidji area

What should I create?

A **short written essay** or **video or audio recording** of you speaking about which language you would like to study at Concordia Language Villages and why. Written and recorded options are valued equally.

Contest Guidelines: Tell us about a language or culture that you are curious about. It could be Arabic, Chinese, Danish, Finnish, French, French *Voyageurs*, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, or Swedish. You do **not** need to have studied this language before.

Respond by March 14, 2026



ENTER THE CONTEST

Why does this language interest you, and what would you hope to learn at language camp?

You can talk about:

- A language spoken in your family or community
- A language you've heard in music, movies, or games
- A place in the world you're curious about
- How learning a language might help you connect with people

Length guidelines:

- Writing: About 100-150 words, about half a handwritten page
- Video or audio: 45-75 seconds, about 1 minute

Teachers and caregivers may:

- Help students talk through ideas
- Help with typing or recording
- Encourage students to be themselves

Words and ideas should come from the student.

Students or their teachers may also use the paper form and mail it and the essay to:

Bemidji Area Friends of Concordia Essay Contest
8659 Thorsonveien Road NW
Bemidji, MN 56601

Submit your response online or postmark your paper essay by March 14, 2026.