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 **Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Republic of Bulgaria**

**and**

 **Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

**announce an ESSAY COMPETITION:**

**“WHAT DO I KNOW ABOUT AZERBAIJAN?”**

***Eligibility***

Competition is open to students (aged 18-29) of high schools and universities in Bulgaria. Bulgarian nationals and foreign students residing in Bulgaria are eligible to participate in the contest.

***Requirements***

Essays must be written in English and not exceed 2,500 words. All submissions must be double spaced in 12-point, Arial regular font throughout and in both MS Word and PDF formats.

Every entry must be accompanied by:

* Application form (attached – appendix 1)
* Curriculum Vitae
* Copy of passport (or ID)

During the selection process, special attention will be paid to sufficient scientific basis, coherence, list of the used references/bibliography, as well as to the authenticity of the information covered in the essays.

***Recommended topics***

* Heydar Aliyev - National Leader of Azerbaijan
* History, art and culture of Azerbaijan
* Population, language, traditions and religion of Azerbaijan
* The role of Azerbaijan in international arena
* Azerbaijan and Bulgaria: history of relations and perspectives
* Economic development of Azerbaijan
* Oil and gas strategy of Azerbaijan
* Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict
* Free topic (on Azerbaijan)

NOTE: Within the framework of the general topics, participants can choose a special topic relevant to their field of interests, education, scientific and specialized areas.

***Deadline***

Essays should be sent to: v\_sadigova@mfa.gov.az in Word or PDF formats by 30 June 2019.

***Award***

5 best entries will win one week trip to Azerbaijan to explore ancient history, rich cultural heritage and delicious national cuisine. All costs (including transport, accommodation, internal transportation and meals) related to the trip will be covered by the Azerbaijani side. The trip will take place by the end of August 2019.

***Contact details***

For further questions, feel free to contact to Mrs.Vusala Sadigova, Second Secretary of the Embassy of Azerbaijan to the Republic of Bulgaria (email: v\_sadigova@mfa.gov.az, tel: + 359 2 817 00 73.

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***Appendix 1***

 **“What do I know about Azerbaijan?” Essay Competition**

**APPLICATION FORM**

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**I. General information**

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**II. Other information**

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