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1. Introduction

The LazărMUN conference strides to offer the best possible experience for its delegates, by facilitating the perfect place for debating the pressing issues of modern society. Our sponsors' tremendous help represents an important catalyst for reaching our goal of helping young high-schoolers reach their full potential. This year, we are grateful to have ***Upgrade Academy*** by our side in the process of organizing this event.

Upgrade Academy is a firm that seeks to provide aspiring high-schoolers with high quality counseling services for studying abroad. Their core values include ambition and hard-work. The Academy offers packages which include tutoring for the SAT, TOEFL or IELTS exams, mentorship for students which seek to apply to university abroad and additional support and advice for high-schoolers.

This year, we partnered alongside ***Upgrade Academy*** in order to reward brilliant young MUN-ers for their hard work during the Second Edition of Lazăr Model United Nations. We truly believe that the most ambitious, most hardworking and daring delegates should receive recognition for their dedication and undoubtable qualities.

Thus, the Academy has decided to offer 8 prizes for the those who stand out of the crowd throughout the conference.



2. How do I join the contest?

Upgrade Academy offers advice and counseling to those currently in the 9th, 10th or 11th grades in high-school that want to study at a university abroad. That being considered, we know and understand that not all participants will wish to take part in the contest.

Consequently, for those who wish to participate, they will have to complete an online Google Form no later than Friday, the 14th of January, at 18:00. Thus, the organizing team as well as the Upgrade Academy employees will know for certain who exactly wishes to receive a prize or not.

THE FORM FOR ENTERING THE CONTEST:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeaHX1EFrgDmroCCT3BxoNrpTo6FSL8g-IVW7oMJwmJvNxQg/viewform?usp=sf_link

3. The prizes

The prizes offered by the Academy are the following:

- **1** Full PrepMe+ scholarship;
- **2** 50% off PrepMe+ scholarships;
- **4** 25% off PrepMe+ scholarships;



To find out more about what is involved in the PrepMe+ programme, click on the link below:

PREPME + : <https://www.upgradeacademy.ro/serviciu/PrepMe+>

4. How do I win a scholarship?

In order for a delegate to be eligible for an Upgrade Academy award, he or she has to be awarded one of the following at the Closing Ceremony (on the 17th of February 2020) of the Lazar Model United Nations 2020 conference:

ICJ

- Best/Outstanding Judge;
- Best/Outstanding Advocate;

SOCHUM

- Best Delegate;
- Outstanding Delegate;

DISEC

- Best Delegate;
- Outstanding Delegate;

ECOFIN

- Best Delegate;
- Outstanding Delegate;

SECURITY COUNCIL



- Best Delegate;
- Outstanding Delegate;

CRISIS COMMITTEE (TORIES SIDE)

- Best Delegate;
- Outstanding Delegate;

CRISIS COMMITTEE (LABOUR SIDE)

- Best Delegate;
- Outstanding Delegate;

!!!NOTE: Since the number of scholarships awarded is smaller than the cumulated number of awards handed out at the end of the conference, Best Delegates have priority over Outstanding Ones;

For example: If out of the 16 awards for Outstanding and Best Delegates, 6 best delegates and 3 outstanding delegates have joined the contest at the beginning of the conference, the Best Delegates will automatically receive an award. The remaining 2 awards will be given to 2 out of the three outstanding delegates. (the decision will be taken by the Upgrade Academy team following a short interview at their headquarters *see INTERVIEW****);***

Example #2: If out of the 16 awards for Outstanding and Best Delegates, 8 best delegates have joined the contest at the beginning of the conference, all the prizes will be given to the 8 Best Delegates;

!!!NOTE #2: In the case that out of the 16 awards for Outstanding and Best Delegates, there are less than 8 students that have joined the



contest, participants awarded with Honorable Mentions will become eligible for receiving a scholarship.

You will be notified whether you received any prize offered by the Upgrade Academy at the Closing Ceremony, on the 17th of February 2020.

5. If I do get a prize, which one will it be?

If you are awarded a prize, the Upgrade Academy will have to decide which delegate receives a Full PrepMe+ scholarship, which one gets a 50% off and who will get a 25% package. In order for them to come to a decision, you will be contacted by an UA Team member soon after the end of LazarMUN 2020 in order to schedule a short, informal interview during which you will discuss about your motivation for studying abroad at university. They will notify you about their final decision no later than 1 week after the said interview.

!!PLEASE NOTE THAT BEST DELEGATES HAVE PRIORITY OVER OUTSTANDING ONES AND OVER HONORABLE MENTIONS WHEN IT COMES TO WHO WILL BE AWARDED THE BIGGER SCHOLARSHIP.

6. FAQ

- Do I have to thoroughly prepare for the UA interview?



A: No, the interview, as stated above, will be an informal discussion about your goals, aspirations and desires. Try to be authentic and honest.

- What happens if someone who did not want to join the contest (due to him/her having already applied to college or him/her not wanting to study abroad) wins either a Best or an Outstanding Delegate award?

A: Nothing. Since they did not want to take part in the contest, they are not eligible for receiving any prize.

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