

**Results of the 19th Annual ACTR National Post-Secondary Russian Essay Contest
February, 2026**

Topic: "Почему я изучаю русский язык/Why do I study Russian"

TOTAL AWARDS: 48

6 – Gold, 21 – Silver; 16 – Bronze; 11 – Honorable Mention

Student Name	Level	Award	Insrtructor, Fall 2025/Spring 2026
Setterberg, Juniper	A1	GOLD	Grineva/Grineva
Erdem, Kaan	A1	GOLD	Grineva/Grineva
Espenshade, Connor	A1	SILVER	Grineva/Grineva
Gonzalez Pantoja, Vivencio	A1	GOLD	Grineva/Grineva
Moore, Sophia	A1	SILVER	Grineva/Grineva
Rama, Dina	A1	SILVER	Grineva/Grineva
Aliev, Katya	A1	SILVER	Grineva/Grineva
Sallady, Canyon	A1	SILVER	Grineva/Grineva
Thomas, Amelia	A1	SILVER	Grineva/Grineva
Vazagashvili, Mishka	A1	SILVER	Grineva/Grineva
Petryk, Austin	A1	HONORABLE MENTION	Grineva/Grineva
Hynes, Bella	A2	HONORABLE MENTION	Grineva/Grineva
Bigelow, Suzanne	A2	HONORABLE MENTION	Tsyлина/Tsyлина
Moran, Will	A2	BRONZE	Tsyлина/Tsyлина
Owens, Abby	A2	SILVER	Tsyлина/Tsyлина
Powers, Grace	A2	BRONZE	Tsyлина/Tsyлина
Ransweiler, Reese	A2	SILVER	Tsyлина/Tsyлина
Reed, Serena	A2	GOLD	Tsyлина/Tsyлина
Zubatov, Anna	A2	GOLD	Tsyлина/Tsyлина
Beebe, Cassidy	A2	SILVER	Tsyлина/Tsyлина
Durham, Austin	A2	SILVER	Tsyлина/Tsyлина
Elhag, Yousif	A2	HONORABLE MENTION	Tsyлина/Tsyлина
Hanson, Tyler	A2	HONORABLE MENTION	Tsyлина/Tsyлина
Kim, Daniel	A2	BRONZE	Tsyлина/Tsyлина
Lamster, Eliza	A2	SILVER	Tsyлина/Tsyлина
Prado, John	A2	HONORABLE MENTION	Tsyлина/Tsyлина
Covey, Weston	A3	SILVER	Tsyлина/Mikhailova
Dickens, Jordan	A3	SILVER	Mikhailova/Mikhailova
Hernandez, Gustavo	A3	SILVER	Mikhailova/Mikhailova
Hurell, Luke	A3	SILVER	Tsyлина/Mikhailova
Macikene Urte	A3	SILVER	Mikhailova/Mikhailova
Steward, Lilian	A3	SILVER	Mikhailova/Mikhailova
Jacobson, Jay	A4	HONORABLE MENTION	Mikhailova/Mikhailova
Speir-Perez, Eva	A4	BRONZE	Mikhailova/Mikhailova

Vigliotti, Richard	A4	SILVER	Mikhailova/Mikhailova
Gibson, Sofia	B3	BRONZE	Mikhailova/Mikhailova
Momcilovic, Aleksandar	B4	HONORABLE MENTION	Mikhailova/Mikhailova
Bruk, Michael	C1	HONORABLE MENTION	Grineva/Smyslova
Dumesh, Samuel	C1	BRONZE	Grineva/Smyslova
Gasimov, Aydin	C1	BRONZE	Grineva/Smyslova
Kruger, Karina	C1	BRONZE	Grineva/Smyslova
Krylov, Nicole	C1	BRONZE	Grineva/Smyslova
Kuleshov, Ben	C1	HONORABLE MENTION	Grineva/Smyslova
McCormack, Emma	C1	SILVER	Grineva/Smyslova
Shmulenson, Lilia	C1	BRONZE	Grineva/Smyslova
Smirnova, Elizabeth	C1	SILVER	Grineva/Smyslova
Kapranov, Stepan	C2	GOLD	Grineva/Smyslova
Malkova, Vera	C2	HONORABLE MENTION	Grineva/Smyslova