

# Japanese Language Speech Contest Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name in Katakana: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the appropriate category and write your age in the ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).

- I. Elementary & Junior High School Students ( \_\_\_\_\_ )
- II. High School Students with less than three years of Japanese ( \_\_\_\_\_ )
- III. High School Students with three or more years of Japanese  
College Students & Adults with less than one year of Japanese ( \_\_\_\_\_ )
- IV. College Students & Adults with more than one year of Japanese ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

School Name (if a student) \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor's Name (if a student) \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor's Telephone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Is any Japanese spoken in your home? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in this contest before? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, how many times? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, in what category? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been to Japan? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If answer is yes, please indicate When, Where, How long and the Purpose of your visit:

When: \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_ How long: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of your visit: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you studied the Japanese language? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are awarded the Sister City Osaka Award (Chicago-Osaka flights and 2-week Osaka home stay), are you willing to serve as a grass-root tourism ambassador for Osaka (Summer 2014)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Speech Title (in Japanese) \_\_\_\_\_

(in English) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send this application form, a handwritten speech draft, and a cassette tape or CD recording of your speech in **Japanese** (one cassette tape or CD per applicant) to:

Japan Information Center

Consulate General of Japan

737 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60611

Attn: Mrs. Kojima

## Application Deadline: February 14, 2014

Please note that all applications must arrive in the Japan Information Center by February 14, 2014, regardless of the postmark date. The speech scripts and pictures taken at the Speech Contest may be used for promotional and reference purposes in the future.

# Japanese Language Speech Contest

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**Date & Time:** March 22, 2014 (Saturday), 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

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**Place:** Japan Information Center/ Consulate General of Japan  
737 North Michigan Avenue, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60611

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**Purpose:** To promote the study of Japanese language in the Midwest and deepen mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and the United States.

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**Sponsors:** The Consulate General of Japan, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Chicago, the Japan America Society of Chicago and the Chicago Sister Cities International Program Osaka Committee

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**Subject:** Any topic is acceptable

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**Categories:** Contestants will be divided into one of the following four categories:

- I. Elementary & Junior High School Students
- II. High School Students with less than three years of Japanese
- III. High School students with three or more years of Japanese  
College Students & Adults with less than one year of Japanese
- IV. College Students & Adults with more than one year of Japanese

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**Eligibility:** This contest is open to all individuals who reside in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, and Wisconsin and have not:

- ① lived in Japan for two or more years in total since 2004
- ② come from homes where Japanese has been spoken regularly
- ③ participated twice in the same category of this contest in the past

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**Judging Criteria:** Content, Organization, Language, Delivery, and Memorization

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**Grand Prize:** Round Trip Airline Ticket to Japan

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**Deadline:** Application, speech drafts written by applicant himself/herself, and audio cassette tapes or CDs recorded with the applicant's Japanese speech (one cassette tape or CD for one person) must arrive in the Japan Information Center by **February 14, 2014, regardless of the postmark date.** The maximum length for speech drafts for Categories I & II should be two pages, and Categories III & IV should have a four page maximum. The paper for speech drafts and application forms are now available online at [www.chicago.us.emb-japan.go.jp/jic.html](http://www.chicago.us.emb-japan.go.jp/jic.html). Finalists will be selected from the applicants and notified via mail by February 28, 2014.

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