

# Speech Contest Guidelines

Categories	<p><b>Category 1:</b> Elementary school and Middle school students who are learning Japanese as a foreign language.</p> <p><b>Category 2:</b> High school students who are learning Japanese as a foreign language.</p> <p><b>Category 3:</b> College students who are learning Japanese as a foreign language.</p> <p><b>Category 4:</b> Middle school and High school students who are heritage Japanese learners.</p>
Contest Theme (Content has to be student's original work)	<p><b>Category 1:</b> Speech themes must be chosen from the ones below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Self Introduction</li> <li>(2) Favorite Things</li> <li>(3) Interesting or memorable experiences or events in their life</li> </ol> <p><b>Category 2 through 4:</b> Any topic</p>
Length of Speeches	<p><b>Category 1:</b> Not to exceed 2 pages</p> <p><b>Category 2:</b> Not to exceed 3 pages</p> <p><b>Category 3 &amp; 4:</b> Not to exceed 4 pages</p> <p>The paper for speech drafts are available online at <a href="http://www.chicago.us.emb-japan.go.jp/jic.html">www.chicago.us.emb-japan.go.jp/jic.html</a></p>
Student Eligibility	<p>This contest is open to all elementary school, middle school, high school, and college students who reside in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, and Wisconsin.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Category 1, Category 2 and Category 3:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Are</b> non-native speakers of Japanese.</li> <li>2. <b>Have not</b> lived/studied in Japan for more than two years after the age of 6.</li> <li>3. <b>Were not</b> raised in homes where Japanese is spoken regularly.</li> <li>4. <b>Have not</b> participated twice in the same category of this contest in the past</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <b>Category 4:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Are</b> non-native speakers of Japanese.</li> <li>2. <b>Have not</b> schooled in Japan for more than two years in total after the age of 6.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
Judging Criteria	Content, Organization, Language, Delivery, and Memorization
Deadline	Application, speech drafts written by applicant himself/herself, and audio recording with the applicant's Japanese speech (one audio recording for one person) must arrive in the Japan Information Center (737 N. Michigan Ave., #1000, Chicago, IL 60611 Attn:Kojima) by <b>February 16, 2016, regardless of the postmark date</b> . The application forms are now available online at <a href="http://www.chicago.us.emb-japan.go.jp/jic.html">www.chicago.us.emb-japan.go.jp/jic.html</a> . Finalists will be selected from the applicants and notified via mail by February 28, 2016.