

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 lived in Japan? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, how long? _____

How long have you studied the Japanese language? _____

Speech Title (in Japanese) _____

(in English) _____

Please send this application form, speech draft in your own hand writing, and a cassette tape 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 1, 2010**

Please note that all applications must arrive in the Japan Information Center by February 1, 2010, regardless of the postmark date.

Japanese Language Speech Contest

Date & Time: March 6, 2010 (Saturday), 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

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

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

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

Subject: Any topic is acceptable

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

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 2000
- ② come from homes where Japanese has been spoken regularly
- ③ participated twice in the same category of this contest in the past

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

Grand Prize: Round Trip Airline Ticket to Japan

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 1, 2010, 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. Finalists will be selected from the applicants and notified via mail by February 11, 2010.
