

# The Thirty-Second Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest

**DATE:** Saturday, March 17, 2018

**TIME:** 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Japan Information Center,  
Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago  
(737 N. Michigan Ave. #1000, Chicago)

## Organizers:

Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago  
Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of  
Chicago

Japan America Society of Chicago  
Osaka Committee, Chicago Sister Cities Int'l

**Grand Prize:** Round trip ticket to Japan!

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# 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>
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> <ul 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> </ul> <p><b>Category 2 through 3:</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:</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/itpr_en/jic.html">http://www.chicago.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Are</b> non-native speakers of Japanese and learning Japanese as a foreign language.</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> </ul>
Judging Criteria	Content, Organization, Language, Delivery, and Memorization
Deadline	<p>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 14, 2018, regardless of the postmark date</b>. The application forms are now available online at <a href="http://www.chicago.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/jic.html">http://www.chicago.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/jic.html</a>. Finalists will be selected from the applicants and notified via e-mail by February 20, 2018.</p>

## 32nd Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest Application Form

<b>1. Name (Katakana)</b>	First:	Middle:	Last:
<b>2. Name (English)</b>	First:	Middle:	Last:
<b>3. Age</b>		<b>4. Email</b>	
<b>5. Address</b>			
<b>6. Title of Speech</b>	Japanese:		
	English:		
<b>7. Name of School</b>		<b>8. Grade/Year</b>	
<b>9. Name of Japanese Language Instructor</b>			
<b>10. Instructor's Contact information</b>	Email:		
	Phone Number:		
<b>11. Category</b>	I <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>12. Is any Japanese spoken in your home?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>13. How long have you studied the Japanese Language?</b>	_____		
<b>14. Have you participated in this contest before?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
If yes, please state the category. _____			
<b>15. Have you lived in Japan after the age of 6?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
If yes, please state the period that you lived in Japan. _____			
Did you attend any Japanese school while in Japan? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
If yes, please state the period that you attended Japanese schools. _____			
<b>16. Please read and sign:</b>			
1) We understand if the applicant is awarded the Sister City Osaka Award (Chicago-Osaka flights and 2-week Osaka home stay), he/she is willing to serve as a grass-roots ambassador for Osaka (Summer 2018).			
2) We hereby grant permission to the Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago and its representatives, to use: speech draft, photographs and/or digital images of the applicant for use in news releases and/or promotional materials.			
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Signature of Student		Date	
_____		_____	
Signature of Parent or gurdian (If applicant is under 18)		Date	
_____		_____	
Signature of Japanese Instructor		Date	

Please send this application form, a handwritten speech draft, and an audio recording of your speech in Japanese to: Japan Information Center, Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago, 737 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60611 Attn: Mrs. Kojima

