

The Thirty-Fourth Annual JAPANESE LANGUAGE SPEECH CONTEST

Applications Due: Feb. 14, 2020

DATE & TIME: Saturday, March 21, 2020
12:00 - 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
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GRAND PRIZE: Round trip ticket to Japan!
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Speech Contest Guidelines

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| Categories | <p>Category 1: Elementary school and Middle school students who are learning Japanese as a foreign language.</p> <p>Category 2: High school students who are learning Japanese as a foreign language.</p> <p>Category 3: College students who are learning Japanese as a foreign language.</p> |
| Contest Theme (Content has to be student's original work) | <p>Category 1: Speech themes must be chosen from the ones below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Self Introduction (2) Favorite Things (3) Interesting or memorable experiences or events in their life <p>Category 2 through 3: Any topic</p> |
| Length of Speeches | <p>Category 1: Not to exceed 2 pages</p> <p>Category 2: Not to exceed 3 pages</p> <p>Category 3: Not to exceed 4 pages</p> <p>The paper for speech drafts are available online at http://www.chicago.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/jic.html</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"> 1. Are non-native speakers of Japanese and learning Japanese as a foreign language. 2. Have not lived/studied in Japan for more than two years after the age of 6. 3. Were not raised in homes where Japanese is spoken regularly. 4. Have not participated twice in the same category of this contest in the past |
| 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 February 14, 2020, regardless of the postmark date. The application forms are now available online at http://www.chicago.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/jic.html. Finalists will be selected from the applicants and notified via e-mail by February 24, 2020.</p> |

34th Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest Application Form

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| 1. Name (Katakana) | First: | Middle: | Last: |
| 2. Name (English) | First: | Middle: | Last: |
| 3. Age | | 4. Email | |
| 5. Address | | | |
| 6. Title of Speech | Japanese: | | |
| | English: | | |
| 7. Name of School | | 8. Grade/Year | |
| 9. Name of Japanese Language Instructor | | | |
| 10. Instructor's Contact information | Email: | | |
| | Phone Number: | | |
| 11. Category | I <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 12. Is any Japanese spoken in your home? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 13. How long have you studied the Japanese Language? | _____ | | |
| 14. Have you participated in this contest before? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| If yes, please state the category. _____ | | | |
| 15. Have you lived in Japan after the age of 6? | 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. _____ | | | |
| 16. Please read and sign: | | | |
| 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 (year 2020). | | | |
| 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. | | | |
| _____ | | _____ | |
| 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

