

Speech Contest Guidelines

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 students who are enrolled in elementary school, middle school, high school, or college 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 form including audio recording's URL link with the applicant's Japanese speech and speech drafts written by applicant himself/herself must arrive in the Japan Information Center (737 N. Michigan Ave., #1000, Chicago, IL 60611 Attn:Kojima) by February 17, 2021, 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 March 1, 2021.</p>
How to submit audio recordings	<p>This year, we will only accept audio recordings via YouTube URL link.</p> <p>If you have any questions regarding how to upload the video to YouTube, see Video Upload Instructions.</p>

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Video Upload Instructions

1. Go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com)
2. Click **'Sign in'** in the upper right corner. You can sign in with your Gmail account. If you do not have a Gmail account, create one. Or, you will need to create a separate YouTube account using your email address.
3. Once you create (and sign into your) YouTube account, click **'upload'** in the upper right corner.
4. Select a file to upload. Make sure to use the following format for the title of your video: **Category/Your Name** (e.g., 1/Tanjiro Kamado).
5. Select the privacy setting **'Unlisted'**.
6. You may ignore the other fields (Description, Tags, and Category).
7. Once your video is uploaded, YouTube will create a URL link for your video. Provide the URL link when submitting the application form.