

CONTEST RULES

9th Annual Alaska Association of Teachers of Japanese (AKATJ) Alaska Japanese Speech Contest

Date and Time: 8:30AM-5:30PM, Saturday March 3, 2012

(Contestants MUST REGISTER IN PERSON between 8:30AM-9:15AM.)

Place: Rasmuson Hall

UAA, Seawolf Dr. Anchorage, AK 99508

APPLICATION AND PAYMENT must be turned in to your Japanese language teacher.

Entry rules:

1. Must currently reside or have a permanent address in Alaska.
2. No late applications and fees will be accepted.
3. No more than one entry per category, and no more than two entries in total per person.
4. An application must be completed for each category.
5. Each entry fee is \$7 per PERSON per category. (Each member must pay \$7 for group presentations.)
6. No refunds will be made in case of absence or cancellation.

Contest rules:

1. Contestants **must register in person** between 8:30AM-9:15AM on the day of the contest.
2. Participants must have proper supervision. According to UAA facility rules, the following ratio applies: *Elementary: 1 adult to 5 students; Middle School: 1 adult to 8 students; High School: 1 adult to 10 students.
3. Memorization is required. Scripts and cue cards are not allowed.
All presentations that are shorter or longer than the specified time will result in point deductions. Students in grades four through adult will be given time warnings during their presentations. Primary students under fourth grade will not be given time warnings during the presentation, but point deductions because of timing will be noted on the judges' score sheets.
4. No visual aids may be used for any category except the skit category.
5. Contestants should not wear school names/logos/mascots that identify their school affiliations.
6. Participants are expected to be on time and to demonstrate respectful behavior toward other contestants, judges, and contest organizers.
7. Poetry, Original Poetry, and Haiku Participants must submit four copies of a typed (double-spaced) or neatly written script at registration.
8. Participants who are not currently enrolled in a Japanese language class must compete in the open speech category.

• **Speech Category**

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Elementary	1-2 minutes	*Japanese Immersion Grades K-3 *Non-Immersion High School Japanese 1-2 *College Beginning 1 -- JPN101 (first semester of learning Japanese at college)
Beginning	1-2 minutes	*Japanese Immersion Grade 4-6 *Non-Immersion High School Japanese 3-4 *College Beginning 2 -- JPN102 (second semester of learning Japanese at college)
Intermediate	2-3 minutes	*Japanese Immersion Grades 7-9 *College Intermediate JPN201/202
Advanced	3-5 minutes	*Japanese Immersion Grade 10-12 *College Advanced JPN301/302 and above
Open	3-5 minutes	*Have lived in Japan more than one year in total. *Heritage Speaker *Students without a current Japanese teacher

• **A high-school student winner in the Speech Category** may be nominated to compete in the 9th Annual USA National Japanese Language High School Speech Contest to be held in Los Angeles, CA, some time in late May or early June, 2012. The Grand Prize winner will receive a \$1000 scholarship and a trip to the Overseas Students' Japanese Speech Award (JSA) contest to be held in Tokyo, Japan during the summer of 2012. Those with *issei* Japanese parent(s) as well as those who have more than six months of schooling in Japan after age six are ineligible. The deadline will be some time in April 2012, and the applicant is responsible for confirming his/her eligibility and application submission. For further information on the full contest rules, visit: www.jlsf-aurora.org AKATJ will support a portion of the airfare, and a homestay in Los Angeles will be provided by the Aurora Foundation.

- ❖ **Poetry Category:** The poem is a recitation.
- ❖ **Original Poetry Category:** The poem must be your original creation.
- ❖ **Original Haiku Category:** Haiku must be your original creation. Introduce the title, then recite the haiku three times with an interval of 5 seconds.
- ❖ **Group Skit Category:** 3-5 minutes. (Heritage/Non-Heritage/Mixed). If you have any special needs in regard to props or technology support, please indicate your request with the applications.
- ❖ **Singing Category: 1 song** (need not be original). One verse or up to 3 minutes. Can be presented as a group. Before singing, at least one person must introduce the song in Japanese. The introduction should be no more than 30 seconds. If you wish to sing along to accompanying music (a *karaoke* tape/CD or musical instruments), **submit your Tape/CD** (Write your name, song title, and phone number on it) **at the time of registration**. Otherwise, you will have to sing without it. You are also responsible for picking it up at the registration desk upon completion of the Singing Category. You must bring your own instruments.

The speech contest is more than a contest. It is a day-long celebration of cultural events and language. The events include games, food, and performances by cultural groups including taiko drumming, ikebana, and karate. At the end of the contest and special performances, there will be an awards ceremony.