

TWENTIETH ANNUAL JAPANESE LANGUAGE SPEECH CONTEST

On March 26, 2011, The Japan-America Society of Georgia (JASG), in cooperation with the Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta, the Georgia Association of Teachers of Japanese (GATJ), and The Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia (JCCG), will host the Twentieth Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Application Procedure

All applications, which should be completed by the Japanese language teacher, must be received by The Japan-America Society of Georgia no later than **Friday, March 11, 2011**. Each Japanese language instructor is invited to send **three** representatives.

Criteria Selection

- There will be three different divisions of competition this year:
 - **Open Division**: full time high school or full/part time university students are eligible to compete and present their own original speech or recite a published literary work
 - **Anshō Division**: only full time university students are eligible to compete and recite a published literary work (the competition's organizing committee will choose 3-5 works for students to choose to present)
 - **Benron Division**: only full time university students are eligible to compete and present their own original speech
- All participants of the **Anshō Division** and **Benron Division** competitions must be non-native speakers of Japanese who are university students enrolled as full-time undergraduate students at the time of the contest. Participants of the **Open Division** competition can be any non-native speaker of Japanese, who is a student enrolled in the 2010-2011 academic year at least for one semester (high school, graduate, undergraduate, and part-time students are welcome to participate).
- Students who have lived in Japan for more than one year are not eligible. Any student who does not meet this qualification and still wishes to compete should submit in writing an explanation of their time spent in Japan (i.e. where they lived, where they studied, the purpose of their visit, etc.).
- Students must write their own speech in the **Benron Division**. Teachers may only make corrections and suggestions and may not prepare the speech for their students. In the **Anshō Division**, students will recite a published monologue, speech, or literary excerpt
- The **Open Division** competition may have limited space available due to time constraints so we ask that only up to 3 participants from each school compete in the **Open Division**.

Presentations and Judging Format

- Presentations must be entirely in Japanese.
- For **competitive** participation in the **Anshō Division**, contestants should present a maximum of a 3-minute memorized recitation of a published literary work. For **competitive** participation in the **Benron Division**, contestants should present a maximum of a 4-minute original memorized speech on a theme of their choice. Contestants in the **Open Division** competition should prepare a maximum of a 3-minute memorized speech of their own or a published monologue, speech, literary excerpt, or other presentation.
- Points will be taken off if a contestant goes beyond the established time limit. A brief interview from judges will follow each participant's speech **only** in the **Benron Division**.
- Judges will look for clarity, elocution, vocabulary usage, pronunciation and creativity relative to age, experience, and ability level.
- Each contestant is asked to submit a summary or a draft of their presentation for the contest organizers and the judges.



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