

## **The Twenty-Eighth Annual Arizona Japanese Speech Contest Application Instructions**

**Saguaro High School, Sunday, April 9, 2017, 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.**

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Arizona Japanese Speech Contest presented by the Arizona Association of Teachers of Japanese (AATJ) will be held at Saguaro High School.

**Place: Saguaro High School Auditorium**

**6250 North 82nd Street**

**Scottsdale, AZ 85250**

**Date: Sunday, April 9, 2017**

**Time: 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.**

You may speak on any topic, but it may not be a poetry reading or singing. Your speech must be written for this speech contest exclusively and must not have been presented elsewhere. .

The Speech Contest Student Application Form can be found at this link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1aDc8E\\_IV6b1KzEFcckybjJ8LuvVpby2KFqNB0-KhRI/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1aDc8E_IV6b1KzEFcckybjJ8LuvVpby2KFqNB0-KhRI/edit)

**Deadline: Friday, January 27, 2017. (Applications Forms must time-stamped on or before January 27.)**

The Application Selection Committee reserves the right to decide the total number of contestants accepted from each school by taking into consideration the total number of applications submitted and the level of participating schools. Each individual school will determine who will participate among the accepted applicants.

Once you are selected to compete, send your speech text written on an official genkoo yooshi (which will be given to you by your instructor) by regular mail to:

**Lisa Berkson, Speech Contest Co-Chair**

**Arcadia High School**

**4703 E. Indian School Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85018**

**Deadline: Friday, March 10, 2017 (Envelopes must be postmarked on or before March 10)**

Also, we have strict regulations on how to write on genkoo yooshi, since your text will be published in our memorial booklet. Please read carefully the "Speech texts" section on the next page. **Do not fold your genkoo yooshi when sending them, for they will become the originals for our memorial booklet.**

The English translation of your speech text must be sent by email attachment (Microsoft Word format). In the subject line of your email, type "Speech Contest" together with your **first and last names** and category, for example "Speech Contest, Barack Obama, Category D," and send it to:

**slanglais1@pima.edu**

**Deadline: Friday, March 10, 2017**

Please follow carefully the rules on how to write your English summary described under "**English Translation of Your Texts**" on the next page.

**If we don't receive both your Japanese speech text on genkoo yooshi and your English summary of your text by the deadline, you will be disqualified from competing.**

**Eligibility and category:**

You must be currently enrolled in a Japanese language course at a high school or post-secondary school in Arizona. Your instructor has to be a current AATJ member. Native speakers and bilinguals are not eligible to compete. High school students who are taking college Japanese classes are considered college level students. If you have competed in this contest before, you must compete in the category that is more advanced than the one in which you previously competed. However, Category D can be repeated. The Grand Prize winner may enter again, but s/he cannot be awarded the Grand Prize in consecutive years. The final decision on your eligibility and /or the determination of the category that you will compete in will be made by the application selection committee. No home school students or independent study students are eligible.

**Dress Code:** Business attire is recommended.

**Props:** Not allowed.

**Categories and lengths of the speech texts:**

**Category A:**

\* College level students who are currently taking first semester Japanese language courses (conversational or regular courses), high-school level students who are currently taking first or second semester Japanese language courses, or students who are in 1st or 2nd semester Japanese language classes for 3 or less credits. **Students in this category must be taking these courses for the first time in their lives and must never have lived or traveled in Japan for longer than ten days.** \* 1 page (400 characters) genkoo yooshi. **You must write more than 17 lines (340 characters), but no more than 20 lines (400 characters).**

\* Speech must be less than 2 minutes.

**Category B:**

\* College level students who are currently taking second semester Japanese language courses (conversational or regular courses), high-school level students who are currently taking third or fourth semester Japanese language courses, or students who are in 3rd or 4th semester Japanese language classes for 3 or less credits, and who have not lived in Japan for more than 2 years in a situation that required using Japanese.

\* 1.5 page (600 characters) genkoo yooshi. **You must write more than 27 lines (540 characters), but no more than 30 lines (600 characters).**

\* Speech must be less than 2 minutes 30 seconds.

**Category C:**

\* College level students who are currently taking third or fourth semester Japanese language courses, and who have not lived in Japan for more than 2 years in a situation that required using Japanese, or high school level students who are currently taking fifth or sixth semester Japanese language courses, and who have not lived in Japan for more than 2 years in a situation that required using Japanese.

\* 2 page (800 characters) genkoo yooshi. **You must write more than 37 (740 characters) lines, but no more than 40 lines (800 characters).**

\* Speech must be less than 3 minutes 30 seconds.

### **Category D:**

\* College level students who are currently taking Japanese language courses beyond the fourth semester or who have lived in Japan for more than 2 years in a situation that required using Japanese, or high-school students who are currently taking high-school level Japanese language courses beyond the sixth semester or who have lived in Japan for more than 2 years in a situation that required using Japanese.

\* 3 page (1200 characters) genkoo yooshi. **You must write more than 57 lines (1140 characters), but no more than 60 lines (1200 characters).**

\* Speech must be less than 5 minutes.

### **Speech texts:**

**The speech must be original to this contest only. Please follow our guidelines carefully and precisely. Texts that do not follow our guidelines will not be accepted and contestants will be disqualified from competing. Neatly written texts that follow the correct usage of genkoo yooshi, on the other hand, have a chance to win the Penmanship Award.**

1. The numbers of lines and characters mentioned above include all the necessary blank spaces for indentation, punctuation, title and name line.
2. Quotations from songs, books, or any other literature must not exceed 40 characters.
3. Write your text with a black ballpoint pen or a black, fine point felt pen.
4. Use genkoo yooshi correctly. Romanization is not acceptable, even for your name. The first line must have the title of your speech. The second line must have your full name. The third line must start the text with a one-box indentation. (Ask your sensei for a sample.)
5. The text must be original and written by you. It cannot have been presented elsewhere. The level of grammar, vocabulary and structures must be appropriate for your entry category.
6. You will receive an official genkoo yooshi from your sensei. You may make copies for practice, but you must submit your text written on the original genkoo yooshi. We need clear and clean texts for better printing results.
7. Do not staple, fold or put page numbers on your text.

### **English translation of your texts:**

1. Send the translation via e-mail attachment (Microsoft Word format) to slanglais1@pima.edu. In your e-mail subject line, type "Speech Contest" with your first and last names and your category such as "Speech Contest, Barack Obama, Category D." Email with a blank subject line may be considered spam mail and get deleted before being opened.
2. Write your category, name and school in the first line.
3. Write the title of your speech in the second line.
4. Start the translation from the third line. The translation does not have to be a word-for-word translation.

### **Evaluation of your speech:**

1. Memorization (Only one 3" x 5" index card is allowed)
2. Fluency
3. General delivery
4. Accuracy (grammar)
5. Content and organization
6. Overall impression

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