

Japan American Society of San Antonio (JASSA)
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21st Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest in San Antonio

The 21st Annual Japanese Language Contest is sponsored by the Japan American Society of Texas, in cooperation with Japanese Teachers Association of Texas and the Consulate-General of Japan at Houston. The regional contest is organized by the Japan America Society of San Antonio. Additional support is provided by the Japan Foundation and San Antonio College.

Purpose This annual event offers participants an opportunity to demonstrate their oral communication skills in Japanese while competing in a statewide competition. It brings attention to the Japanese language and promotes the knowledge and understanding of Japan by Americans.

Location San Antonio College, Department of Foreign Languages/ESOL
1300 San Pedro, San Antonio, TX 78212-4299 Tel: (210)486-0976

Date and Time Saturday, February 13, 2010. 9 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Qualification Applicant must:

- 1) Reside in Texas (Division V) or
- 2) Be currently enrolled in a Japanese class at a school in Texas (Division I - IV)
- 3) Not to be a native speaker of Japanese
- 4) Not have a Japanese parent (Division IV)
- 5) Have not had more than six months of schooling in Japan after age six

Divisions

Division I High School & Middle School	Poetry Recitation (3min max)
「ありがとう」 谷川俊太郎	
Division II High School	Poetry Recitation (4min max)
「誠実について」 高木いさお	
Division III Middle School	Free Speech (2-3 minutes)
Division IV High School	Free Speech (2-3 minutes)
Division V College & Adult	Free Speech (2-3 minutes)

Number of Participants There will be a limit of 56 participants for Division 1 and 40 participants per other divisions and 8 applicants form each school. Applications will be accepted in the order in which they are received. Once the limit of applicant's

number for each division has been reached, no more applications will be accepted for that division. Therefore, it is important to send applications as soon as possible.

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Competition This competition forms the preliminary rounds for the statewide competition, which will be held in March 6, 2010 in Houston. 2 winners from I to V will be able to move on to the statewide competition.

Free Speech Content: Free speeches must be original, written by the contestant and not previously recited elsewhere. The theme is open and to be selected by the contestant. Personal experiences and anecdotes are welcomed and encouraged. Time limit: The time limit is three minutes, and the contestants must speak for at least two minutes. Points will be subtracted for speeches which are over or under the time limit.
Notes: Contestants may use written materials or notes, but those who deliver their speeches without them will be scored higher than those who rely on notes.
Evaluation Criteria: Free speeches will be judged on pronunciation, grammatical ability, overall ability, content, delivery, creativity, enthusiasm, and understanding.

Poetry Recitation Content: Contestants must memorize the poem specified for his or her division. Each contestant should say the title and author of the poem, then recite the poem from memory. The use of notes is not allowed.
Evaluation Criteria: Poetry recitation will be judged on pronunciation, flow and expression, accuracy of memorization, and delivery.

Prizes Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in each division.

Registration Mail to San Antonio College FL Department (attention to the Japanese program) 1300 San Pedro Avenue, San Antonio TX78212-4299
or E-mail: yukoboshi@satx.rr.com, ykawabe@alamo.edu
or Fax to (210)486-1534 (San Antonio College FL Department)
or Fax to 1-830-438-2231 (You must call Hiroko Fay at cell #(210)602-4744 before faxing so she can connect her fax machine to telephone line.)
or give entry form to your teacher

Deadline January 29, 2010

For information, please contact:

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San Antonio Regional, Saturday, February 13, 2010, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: San Antonio College**

Entry Form

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Name in Katakana _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Age _____

Division Div. I, Div. II, Div. III, Div. IV Div V
(Please circle one)

Have you traveled to Japan before? Yes No

If yes, please indicate the dates and duration of the stay:

If you attend school, please indicate the name of the school and the grade or level:

School _____ Grade or level _____

If you are taking Japanese at school, please list your teacher's name and contact information:

Name _____

Tel _____ E-mail _____

Please indicate your agreement with the following statement by signing the line below

"I will present my speech in the 21st Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest at San Antonio College on Saturday, February 13, 2010. I understand the regulation and time limits specified by the Japan-American Society of Texas and will abide by the judges' final decisions."

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date

(If contestant is under 18 years of age)

Application must be postmarked E-mailed by Friday, January 29, 2010.