

2018 JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

Date/Time:	<p>Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 12:00-4:00pm Registration begins at 11:30am.</p> <p>*Participants may bring in light snacks, but please have lunch before the contest starts (refreshments will NOT be served this year)</p>
Place:	Mercer University Atlanta Campus, Cecil B. Day Hall
Categories:	<p>Contestants will be divided into three categories. All categories will require contestants to present an original Japanese speech.</p> <p>Category I:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school students • College students whose Japanese is JLPT N4-N5 level <p>Category II:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College students whose Japanese is JLPT N3 level <p>Category III:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College students whose Japanese is JLPT N2 level or higher • College students who has lived/ stayed in Japan more than a half year. • Heritage speakers who have taken Japanese language class within a year. Heritage speaker here means one who speaks Japanese at home but grew up in the U.S. The students who attended <i>Nihongo gakkō</i> (Saturday Japanese school) are not eligible to register. (High school students who are heritage speakers are required to register for this category.) <p>Please refer JLPT levels on this site: http://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html</p>
Length of speech:	<p>Category I: within 2 and a half minutes, Category II: within 4 minutes, Category III: within 5 minutes</p> <p>Points will be taken off if a contestant goes beyond the time limit.</p>
Topic:	<p>Category I: 私と日本語(Japanese language and I), 私の家族・ともだち・先生 (My family, friends or teacher), 私の学校生活(My school life), 私の好きなこと・もの(The things I like)</p> <p>Category II and III: Any topics</p> <p>A brief Q&A will follow each contestant's speech.</p>
Speech script:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contestants must write their original speech for the Speech Contest. Teachers and others can only make corrections and suggestions and cannot prepare the speech for the contestants. • Contestants must submit a brief summary of their speech in English (about 100 words). An English summary will be printed on the program. • Contestants must present their speech in Japanese.
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each school may submit three contestants for each category. • Contestants must be current high school or college students. • Previous first prize winners of Category I of this Japanese Speech Contest are not

	<p>eligible to participate in Category I.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous first prize winners of Category II of this Japanese Speech Contest are not eligible to participate in both Category I and II.
Prizes:	<p>Category 1: Prizes awarded to first, second, and third place.</p> <p>Category 2: First place is awarded a round-trip air ticket to Japan. Prizes are awarded to second and third place as well.</p> <p>Category 3: Prizes awarded to first, second, and third place.</p>
Judging criteria:	<p>Each judge has 25 points for each contestant. The full score of 4 judges will be 100 points for each contestant. 25 points are divided into the four criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content: contents of the speech, originality (10 points) • Voice: appropriate volume and speed of voice, pronunciation (6 points) • Delivery: expression, attitude, eye contact (6 points) • Answer to a question: appropriate answer to a question asked by judges (3 points) <p>Total: 25 points/judge x 4 judges = 100 points/contestant</p> <p>*High school students will receive 5 points on top of their scores.</p>
Registration:	<p>The deadline for registration is February 17, 2018</p> <p>Please use the following link to register.</p> <p>https://goo.gl/forms/4anLtcV5lkYj5ou33</p>

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