

Dallas Japanese Speech Contest 2013

Held by the Dallas Japanese Association

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Organized by the Japanese Teacher's Association of Texas Dallas Region

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Purpose: To promote Japanese language education and to encourage students learning Japanese as a second language.

Date: February 16, 2013

Time: Check-in (Div. 1-4) --- 9:15 a.m. ➤ This is an approximate schedule. The exact schedule will be announced as the contest gets nearer.
Preliminaries (Div. 1-4) --- 9:45 a.m. ➤ Japanese students and parents will observe the final round.
Check-in (Div. 5) --- 10:00 a.m.
Preliminaries (Div. 5) --- 10:35 a.m.
Final Round --- 1:00 p.m.

Location: Ted Polk Middle School (Japanese School of Dallas), 2001 Kelly Blvd., Carrollton, TX 75006

General Qualifications: Not a native speaker of Japanese nor attending Japanese Saturday school.

Divisions & Qualifications:

Division 1: Novice Level Poetry Recitation

Poem: 「上を向いて歩こう」 永六輔, "I'll Look Up as I Walk" by Rokusuke Ei

Qualifications: Enrolled in a middle school or high school Japanese language class
In first or second year of Japanese language study

Division 2: Intermediate Level Poetry Recitation

Poem: 「大丈夫」 関洋子, "It's Alright" by Yoko Seki

Qualifications: Enrolled in a middle school or high school Japanese language class
In second or third year of Japanese language study

Division 3: Beginner Level Free Speech with Text

Qualifications: Enrolled in a middle school or high school Japanese language class
In second or third year of Japanese language study

Division 4: Intermediate Level Free Speech

Qualifications: Enrolled in a high school Japanese language class
In third or fourth year of Japanese language study
Not have a Japanese parent (Issei)
Not have had more than six months of schooling in Japan after age six

Division 5: College Level Free Speech

Qualifications: Enrolled in a college or university Japanese language course

Regulations:

Poetry Recitation: The contestants must memorize the poem. Reading the text will be subject to disqualification.

Free Speech: Speeches must be original, composed by the contestant and not previously recited elsewhere. The topic of the speech is open. However, it should be free from any prejudice or strong opinions of politics or religion and should be appropriate for middle school and high school students. Speeches should be between 2 and 3 minutes long. Points will be deducted for speeches under or over that time. Reading the speech or going over the time limit will be subject to the deduction of points for Divisions IV and V.

Prizes: Trophies, certificates and prizes will be awarded to the top five finalists for each division. A t-shirt will be given to all contestants for participating in the contest.

Deadline: Submit the entry form to your Japanese instructor. Instructors must send registration forms to arrive by Friday, January 25, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. to:

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