

AFTJ Speech and Skit Contests Spring 2020

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 6
[2020 AFTJ Speech and Skit Contest Rules](#)

The 14th South Florida Speech and Skit Contest (Miami)

Date: Sunday, April 4 Time: 1:00pm
Location: Whitten Learning Center Room 170, University of Miami
Contact Person: Mari Williams-sensei (m.williams17@miami.edu)



The 14th Mid-Florida Speech and Skit Contest (Gainesville)

Date: Saturday, April 4 Time: 1:00pm
Location: Pugh Hall Room 170, University of Florida
Contact Person: Ryosuke Sano-sensei (rsano@ufl.edu)



The 3rd West Florida Speech and Skit Contest (Pensacola)

Date: Saturday, April 4 Time: 1:00pm
Location: 71/136, University of West Florida
Contact Person: Takami Taylor-sensei (ktaylor1@uwf.edu)



2020 AFTJ Wakayama Japanese Video Speech Contest

Several of the best contestants identified at the AFTJ speech contests will participate in this video speech contest. The winner will be invited on a free trip to Wakayama, Japan.

Other Contest

2020 AFTJ Manga & Video Contest (Online)

- Yonkoma Manga, Karaoke Video, and Promotional Video -

Entry Deadline: Friday, March 6; Submission Deadline: Friday, March 13
Contact Person: Shinji Shimoura-sensei (shimoura@mail.usf.edu)

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**Grand Prize
The Winner Will Be Invited On
A Free Trip To Wakayama, Japan.**



A few of the best speeches will be selected at each contest site in South Florida, Mid-Florida, and West Florida. Selected contestants will create a video speech and prepare potential action plans to share the experience of visiting Wakayama, Japan.



Association of Florida Teachers of Japanese Spring 2020 Speech and Skit Contests

ELIGIBILITY

- A. To be able to compete in this contest, a student must be currently enrolled in a course which is taught by an AFTJ teacher member.
[Speech Contest Only]
1. If you are not currently enrolled in a course which is taught by an AFTJ teacher member, but wish to compete in the speech contest, please provide additional information specified in the registration form. The organizers will review your registration, and you may be allowed to complete on a space available basis.
- B. The following are ineligible to compete in this contest:
1. A native speaker of Japanese
 2. A graduate of fall 2019 or prior

It is strongly encouraged that teachers accompany their students to the competition. The contestants (and the parent / guardian for minor) agree to be bound by the contest rules and the decisions of the sponsor (AFTJ), which are final and binding in all respects.

DEADLINES AND TIMELINES

Only contestants who pre-register online will be allowed to participate. Contestants and their families assume the risks and responsibilities of participation.

Students, please complete your online registration by Friday, March 6, 2020. No submissions will be accepted after this date.

Friday, March 6, 2020	Deadline for the registration forms
Saturday, April 4, 2020	South Florida Speech and Skit Contest (Miami) Mid-Florida Speech and Skit Contest (Gainesville) West Florida Speech and Skit Contest (Pensacola)

LEVELS

There will be following award categories for this speech & skit contest:

Elementary School		
Middle School	Level 1 (1st Year Japanese Class) Level 2 (2nd Year)	Level 3 (3rd Year)
High School	Level 1 (1st Year Japanese Class) Level 2 (2nd Year)	Level 3 (3rd Year) Level 4 (4th Year and Beyond)
College	Level 1 (1st Semester Japanese Class) Level 2 (2nd Semester) Level 3 (3rd Semester) Level 4 (4th Semester)	Level 5 (5th Semester) Level 6 (6th Semester) Level 7 (7th Semester and Beyond)

The students **should be enrolled in the year- or semester-level at which they are currently studying (Dual enrollment students should be registered for the corresponding Japanese course level they are currently enrolled in)**. Students who have the language experiences beyond the classroom, such as study abroad in Japan, can participate in High School Level 4 or College Level 7. If a student or his/her teacher thinks the student is too advanced in the level he/she is in, the student can participate in the level appropriate to him/her language ability. Competition rules and judging guidelines are included in this packet of information along with the registration form.



CONTEST CATEGORIES

I. Public Speech Contest

In the Speech Contest, participants are allowed to use a digital visual aid (a series of up to five pictures on a PowerPoint or PC-compatible program) to enhance the audience's experience of the speech. Those who are using the visual aid must bring their visual on a USB drive and save the file on the computer at the venue by 10 minutes before the speech contest starts. This visual aid does NOT factor into scoring; the judges will still be looking for a well-prepared and performed speech, regardless of how visually appealing the aid is.

>>> Go to [PUBLIC SPEECH CONTEST Competition Rules](#) (Pages 5-6)

II. Skit Contest

In the Skit Contest, we currently accept an **unlimited number of teams** from participating schools per level. This is to ensure the participation of anyone who would like to compete, especially from schools that have numerous students in their Japanese program.

>>> Go to [SKIT CONTEST Competition Rules](#) (Pages 7-8)

CONTEST SITES AND REGISTRATION FORMS

I. The 14th South Florida Japanese Speech & Skit Contest (Miami)

The 14th South Florida Japanese Speech & Skit Contest will be held in **Whitten Learning Center (Room: 170), University of Miami** on **Saturday, April 4**. Registration will begin at 12:30pm and end at 1:00pm, with the opening ceremony beginning promptly at 1:00pm.

Registration forms for the 14th South Florida Japanese Speech & Skit Contest:

>> Go to [South Florida Speech Contest Registration Form](https://forms.gle/WJARvh2mS9U542da6) (<https://forms.gle/WJARvh2mS9U542da6>)

>>> Go to [South Florida Skit Contest Registration Form](https://forms.gle/rrXXyW9QYCSrEYRf9) (<https://forms.gle/rrXXyW9QYCSrEYRf9>)

II. The 14th Mid-Florida Japanese Speech & Skit Contest (Gainesville)

The 14th Mid-Florida Japanese Speech & Skit Contest will be held in **Pugh Hall Room 170, University of Florida** on **Saturday, April 4**. Registration will begin at 12:30pm and end at 1:00pm, with the opening ceremony beginning promptly at 1:00pm.

Registration forms for the 14th Mid-Florida Japanese Speech & Skit Contest:

>>> Go to [Mid-Florida Speech Contest Registration Form](https://forms.gle/Rnk7B4bEorM9VYvj7) (<https://forms.gle/Rnk7B4bEorM9VYvj7>)

>>> Go to [Mid-Florida Skit Contest Registration Form](https://forms.gle/bqNNVUeLUehheUV96) (<https://forms.gle/bqNNVUeLUehheUV96>)

III. The 3rd West Florida Japanese Speech & Skit Contest (Pensacola)

The 3rd West Florida Japanese Speech & Skit Contest will be held in **71/136, University of West Florida** on **Saturday, April 4**. Registration will begin at 12:30pm and end at 1:00pm, with the opening ceremony beginning promptly at 1:00pm.

Registration forms for the 3rd West Florida Japanese Speech & Skit Contest:

>> Go to [West Florida Speech Contest Registration Form](https://forms.gle/tMtPtfkaDUUjK97a9) (<https://forms.gle/tMtPtfkaDUUjK97a9>)

>>> Go to [West Florida Skit Contest Registration Form](https://forms.gle/kJn5KNrL8oVCgKgB8) (<https://forms.gle/kJn5KNrL8oVCgKgB8>)



PUBLIC SPEECH CONTEST Competition Rules

Description: The contestant speaks on a topic of their choice, which is related to Japan. Students must submit their topics with their registration. Topics must be given in Japanese and in English at the time of submission.

Conditions: The contestant may bring his/her script, notes, outlines, and flash cards. **However, reading a script or frequent use of these supplements will cause them to lose points.**
A participant may have a visual aid as a digital backdrop to the speech.

Dress Code: **Professional attire.**

Time Limits: **Middle School:**
All levels - Two minutes
High School & College
Level 1 - Two minutes
Level 2, 3 - Three minutes
Level 4, 5, 6, 7 - Four minutes
There will be different award categories for middle school, high school and college.

Criteria for Evaluation:

- A. Language Skills**
 - 1. Pronunciation and intonation
 - 2. Fluency and rhythm
- B. Presentational Skills**
 - 1. Organization and development of speech topic
 - 2. Oral presentation
 - 3. Memorization

The visual aid will NOT be considered as a part of the evaluation process.

General Rules: Judges' decisions will be final.

Any presentations exceeding the set time will be stopped by the time keeper. The time keeper will raise his/her hand 30 seconds prior of the set time. Once the set time is up, you can no longer keep your speech.



Speech Score Card (English Version)

Contestant's Name:	Judge's Name:
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1. Content of speech

- 4 Profound and intriguing, and easy to understand.
- 3 Appealing but a little hard to understand.
- 2 Not appealing and hard to understand.
- 1 Very hard to understand.

2. Memorization

- 4 Completely memorized.
- 3 Almost completely memorized.
- 2 Memorized half of the script.
- 1 Almost entirely reading notes.

3. Pronunciation (accent and intonation)

- 4 Generally well pronounced.
- 3 Occasional accent that does not impede comprehension.
- 2 Some difficulty with pronunciation, but minimal obstacles to comprehension.
- 1 Much difficulty with pronunciation, unable to be understood.

4. Fluency

- 4 Very fluent and never stumbles.
- 3 Generally fluent and stumbles minimally .
- 2 Lacks fluency and constantly stumbles.
- 1 Almost entirely stumbles.

5. Delivery

- 4 Talks to the audience with a positive attitude throughout the speech.
- 3 Talks to the audience during the main parts of the speech.
- 2 Sometimes talks to the audience.
- 1 Almost never talks to the audience.

Total Score: _____ / 20 points



SKIT CONTEST Competition Rules

Description: Students will perform an originally written memorized skit.

Conditions: Contestants will be allowed a total of 4 minutes in high school level and 6 minutes in college level for their skit. The total minutes include set-up and take-down of props. The topic of the skit is of their choice and must be submitted at the time of application for inclusion in the program.

Each school may enter an unlimited number of teams for each level.
There is a maximum of **five** students per skit; **all participants in a skit must be the same level.**

The skit **MUST** be an **original skit**, written by the participants.

Criteria for Evaluation:

- A. Pronunciation and stress
- B. Intonation and rhythm
- C. Ability to communicate and focus on theme of skit
- D. Oral expression and memorization
- E. Creativity



Skit Score Card (English Version)

Contestants' Name*:	Judge's Name:
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*発表グループの最初の一人の名前で結構です。

1. Performance and content

- 4 Easy to understand and engaging to audience.
- 3 Easy to understand, but not so engaging to audience.
- 2 Hard to understand and not so engaging to audience.
- 1 Hard to understand and not engaging at all to audience.

2. Pronunciation (accent and intonation)

- 4 Generally well pronounced.
- 3 Occasional accent that does not impede comprehension.
- 2 Some difficulty with pronunciation, but minimal obstacles to comprehension.
- 1 Much difficulty with pronunciation, unable to be understood.

3. Preparedness

- 4 Well prepared and memorized lines perfectly.
- 3 Well prepared and memorized most lines.
- 2 Not prepared well and occasionally forgets lines.
- 1 Clearly unprepared.

Total Score: _____ / 12 points