

AFTJ Speech and Skit Contests Spring 2018

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 16
[2018 AFTJ Speech and Skit Contest Rules](#)

The 12th Mid-Florida Speech and Skit Contest (Orlando)

Date: Saturday, April 7 Time: 1:00pm
Location: Classroom Building 2 Room 204, University of Central Florida
Contact Person: Mihoko Wheeler-sensei (Mihoko.Wheeler@ucf.edu)



The 1st West Florida Speech and Skit Contest (Pensacola)

Date: Saturday, April 7 Time: 1:00pm
Location: International Center (Building 71) Room TBA, University of West Florida
Contact Person: Takami Taylor-sensei (ktaylor1@uwf.edu)



The 12th South Florida Speech and Skit Contest (Miami)

Date: Sunday, April 8 Time: 1:00pm
Location: Whitten Learning Center 110, Coral Gables, University of Miami
Contact Person: Eiko Isogai Williams-sensei (e.williams2@miami.edu)



2018 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

2018 AFTJ Manga & Video Contest (Online)

Entry Deadline: Thursday, March 1
Submission Deadline: Thursday, March 15
Contact Person: Yasuo Uotate-sensei (yuotate@ufl.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 2018 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 compete 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 2017 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 16, 2018. No submissions will be accepted after this date.

Friday, March 16, 2018	Deadline for the registration forms
Saturday, April 7, 2018	Mid-Florida Speech and Skit Contest (Orlando) West Florida Speech and Skit Contest (Pensacola)
Sunday, April 8, 2018	South Florida Speech and Skit Contest (Miami)

LEVELS

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

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

The students **should be enrolled in the year- or semester-level at which they are currently studying.** 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. 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 12th Mid-Florida Japanese Speech & Skit Contest (Orlando)

The 12th Mid-Florida Japanese Speech & Skit Contest will be held in **Classroom Building 2 Room 204, University of Central Florida** on **Saturday, April 7**. Registration will begin at 12:30pm and end at 1:00pm, with the opening ceremony beginning promptly at 1:00pm.

Registration forms for the 12th Mid-Florida Japanese Speech & Skit Contest:

>>> Go to [Mid-Florida Speech Contest Registration Form \(https://goo.gl/forms/Gb0mtshswmkmo17H2\)](https://goo.gl/forms/Gb0mtshswmkmo17H2)

>>> Go to [Mid-Florida Skit Contest Registration Form \(https://goo.gl/forms/D3EmI9CYIqCP7hwi1\)](https://goo.gl/forms/D3EmI9CYIqCP7hwi1)

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Registration forms for the 1st West Florida Japanese Speech & Skit Contest:

>> Go to [West Florida Speech Contest Registration Form \(https://goo.gl/forms/dkBveDuYK93mBAVP2\)](https://goo.gl/forms/dkBveDuYK93mBAVP2)

>>> Go to [West Florida Skit Contest Registration Form \(https://goo.gl/forms/EL1Gy6K7EgwPBT3Q2\)](https://goo.gl/forms/EL1Gy6K7EgwPBT3Q2)

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Registration forms for the 12th South Florida Japanese Speech & Skit Contest:

>> Go to [South Florida Speech Contest Registration Form \(https://goo.gl/forms/GLbAQ2ffVcfA2RCR2\)](https://goo.gl/forms/GLbAQ2ffVcfA2RCR2)

>>> Go to [South Florida Skit Contest Registration Form \(https://goo.gl/forms/utLXzFhLm0WhYz6R2\)](https://goo.gl/forms/utLXzFhLm0WhYz6R2)



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:**
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.**



**Public Speech
Judge's Scoring Sheet (English Version)**

Contestant's Name:	Judge's Name:
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	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Guidelines
Language Skills					
1. Pronunciation and intonation	1	2	3	4	Are the words easily understood? Are they relatively free of the first language's influence?
2. Fluency and rhythm	1	2	3	4	Does the speech flow naturally without extended pauses and with correct rhythm?
Presentational Skills					
1. Organization and development of speech topic	1	2	3	4	Does the student show familiarity with the topic, focus on the topic, and develop the content well?
2. Oral Presentation	1	2	3	4	Does the student seem comfortable and confident with his/her speech and use eye contact as well as good manners?
3. Memorization	1	2	3	4	Does the student have the whole speech memorized or use notes?

Comments:

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Length of Speech:

0

- Level 1: 0' - 1'30"
- Level 2-3: 0' - 2'30"
- Level 4+: 0' - 3'30"

Time:

1

- Level 1: 1'30" - 2'00"
- Level 2-3: 2'30" - 3'00"
- Level 4+: 3'30" - 4'00"

TOTAL 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
Judge's Scoring Sheet (English Version)**

Level		Judge's Name:
Contestant's Names		
Title		

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Guidelines
1. Pronunciation and stress	1	2	3	4	Are the words understood by native speakers? Is the pronunciation relatively free of the first language accent?
2. Intonation and rhythm	1	2	3	4	Does the students' intonation and rhythm sound natural in Japanese?
3. Ability to communicate and focus on theme of skit	1	2	3	4	Do the students get their point across and communicate their intent? Do they successfully develop the topic of the skit?
4. Oral expression and memorization	1	2	3	4	Is the speech confident? Is the skit well memorized?
5. Creativity	1	2	3	4	Is the content of the skit creative? Have the students used their imagination?

Comments:

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Length of Speech:	0	Time: _____
High School:	5'00" +	High School: - 5'00"
College:	7'00" +	College: - 7'00"

TOTAL POINTS: