

2025 Sakura International Speech Contest Application Guidelines

Purpose

For 35 years, we have held this contest in order to help improve the level of English education in Sakura City. This contest is open to all participants, from preschoolers to seniors. Participants are free to choose the content of their speech/presentation, as long as it is in English. With this understanding of our purpose we hope you will consider participating. The contest is made possible with the kind assistance many volunteers.

Date & Time: October 19, 2025 (Sunday) 10:00~16 : 00

Application QR code



Depending on circumstances, the contest may be canceled or modified.

Place: Millennium Center Sakura (Near the north exit of Keisei Sakura Station)

Application Period: August 18th (Monday)~ September 5th (Friday)

Application Method: Please apply using the application form that can be found on the SIEF homepage(<http://www.sief.jp>), or use the QR code printed on this page with your smartphone.

One submission per person or pair/group. Fill in the required details, and then submit it.

Please include an e-mail address where attachments can be sent. We will also use your email address to send you notifications or updates. If you don't have an e-mail address, please phone or visit the SIEF office.

Number of Applicants:

Kindergarten ~ Elementary school students: Scheduled for the morning session, 10 am to 12 pm.
(the first 20 applicants will be accepted)

Junior and high school students ~ seniors: Scheduled for the afternoon session, 1pm to 4 pm.
(the first 20 applicants will be accepted)

Eligible Applicants: Any person whose native language is not English.

Presentation Content and Length:

Participants can talk about any topic. There are no restrictions on the format; you can make a speech, read, act out a skit, etc.). Participation of pairs is allowed. (friends, family members, etc.) Props and costumes can be used.

Kindergarten ~ Elementary school students: Within 1 minute

Junior and high school students & seniors: Within 2~3 minutes

Submission of the Content of your Presentation

The content of your speech or presentation must be submitted for review prior to the event.

- Submission period: September 8th, 2025 (Monday) ~ September 19th, 2025 (Friday)
- How to submit: Use A4-sized paper. Write the title in English at the top, with your name (In English letters and/or kanji) in the upper right corner. *Students should include the name of their school and grade. Please use Microsoft Word (or a similar text editor) or write it by hand. After submission, minor changes to the presentation content are allowed, but you are not permitted to make major changes or change the topic.
- Method of submission: E-mail (form@sief.jp) or Japan Post. Application by FAX is not possible.

Awards and Other Information

Certificates and prizes will be awarded. They will include:

- The Sakurai International Exchange Foundation Award (SIEF Award) • Individual judge's awards • Participation prizes (Note) Award winners will have their names published on the Sakura International Exchange Foundation's website and in its newsletter. Additionally, we plan to publish a group photo of all the participants. Thank you for your understanding.

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[Weekdays 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays]

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