**3. APPLICATION**

1. Applications open on **1 June** and close on 31 **August**.
2. Applications are limited to a maximum of two contestants from each tertiary institution. It is expected that finalists will be chosen through a rigorous selection process (e.g. internal speech contest) to maintain the high standard of the national contest.

NB the following instructions (iii. to xi.) may be modified if Covid-19 related restrictions are in place – in this case liaise with your lecturers.

1. The speech should be digitally video-recorded with an audience of at least 10 people.
2. Include the upper half of the body of the speaker in the video capture, including hands and lectern – if used. The winner's speech will be uploaded to YouTube so please be mindful of the background. Ensure that the speaker's voice is clearly recorded. The five winners’ speeches from each year since 2015 can be viewed on the JSANZ YouTube Channel.

**JSANZ YouTube** **Channel:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmT6U-nVHiKFPNkPFsy_uSg>

1. The instructor does not need to be in the video when s/he asks questions. However, their voice should be clearly recorded.
2. When the video is ready with your entry:
   1. Upload your video to YouTube. Use the family name of the contestant as the title for the video clip. Do not add the name of your institution.
   2. Click the arrow next to Upload, then press Video Manager.
   3. Go to the uploaded video, press Edit and change the Privacy Settings to Unlisted. Press Save.
   4. Share the link to [jsanzaotearoa@gmail.com](mailto:jsanzaotearoa@gmail.com)
   5. Note that you need a Google and Google+ account to create a YouTube account.
3. The teaching staff from each tertiary institution are responsible for emailing a separate application for each candidate to the organizers, [jsanzaotearoa@gmail.com](mailto:jsanzaotearoa@gmail.com) **before 5:00 pm 31 August.** Include ALL of the following:
   1. The relevant YouTube link.
   2. An application form with a speech summary (100-150 words) in English and the applicant’s declaration forms.
   3. The teacher’s declaration form.
4. A separate email application must be made for each applicant (maximum of two candidates per institution). Only applications via email attachments will be accepted.
5. Please write in the subject line “JSANZ Tertiary Japanese Speech Contest Application.”
6. Late entries will not be accepted.
7. If you have not received a confirmation email within one week of submitting your application, please contact the organizer by email [see Section 10 Enquiries].

**4. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION**

1. The judges will blind-mark (i.e. judges will not be told the institution of the applicants) each video, using a selection criteria form provided, and report to the organizer by 20 September.
2. Contestants will be notified of the results by 30 September.

**5. ELIGIBILITY**

1. This contest is open to individuals aged 17 or above who are enrolled in **undergraduate** courses at a tertiary institution in New Zealand. NB students who completed their qualification in Semester 1, 2025, are also eligible to apply. Postgraduate students are not eligible.
2. Previous first prize winners in the JSANZ speech contest may not take part.
3. Native or near native speakers of Japanese may not take part.