

4-Koma Manga Contest

— Guidelines for Application —

1. Purpose of the Contest

The primary objective of this contest is to introduce the Japanese 4-koma (4 cell) comic format and promote Japanese language and cultural education, and international cultural exchange through Manga.

2. Theme of the 4-koma Manga

About Japan: submitted manga must include at least one Japanese word written in Japanese characters.

*Correct use of the Japanese word will be one criteria for judging

3. Conditions of Entry:

(1) Eligible MANGA works should be of original content and unpublished. The contestant is responsible for checking copyright infringement and/or plagiarism.

(2) 4-koma (4 cell) Manga works must be on a single page and must be submitted in a physical, two-dimensional format.

Submitted works will **not** be returned to applicants.

A 1:1 color copy of the work will be accepted in lieu of the original work.

Submission Specifics:

- Black and White, or Color
- 1 page consisting of 4 cells (4-koma)
- Minimum Paper Dimensions: 8.5" x 11" (US Letter)
- Maximum Paper Dimensions: 9.8" x 13.9" (B4)
- Total size of the work must be 2.5" x 8" or larger, the size of individual cells is up to the contestant but the entire work may not exceed the dimensions of the paper
- Cells should be arranged in a vertical order with the first cell on top
- Title of the work should be clearly written or typed at the top of the work
- Author's First and Last Name, School Name (if applicable), & Grade (if applicable) should be written on the reverse side of the work

(3) Works may be written in either Japanese, English, or a combination there of. Use of Romanized Japanese should be kept to a minimum (If the work is in Japanese, please include a brief explanation in English)

(4) Works containing words, drawings, and other signs that are contrary to morality or public order, personally identifiable information, or copyright infringement will not be accepted

(5) Only one entry per individual

4. Who May Enter

(1) At the time of entry, all contestants must reside within the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco's jurisdiction, and be a citizen of a country other than Japan.

(2) Submissions will be separated into two divisions: the Middle and High School Division, and the College and Adult Division

(3) Applications for the Middle and High School division should be submitted by class teachers or instructors on behalf of their students.

5. How to Apply

(1) All application forms and Manga **must be received by Friday, May 25**

(2) Required documents for application:

- 4-koma Manga
- Submission Form (Middle & High School / University & Adult)
- Waiver Form

(3) Submit by Mail to:

Japan Information and Cultural Center
Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco
275 Battery Street, Suite 2100
San Francisco, CA 94111

6. Award

(1) Judges will determine the top entries in each division

(2) Winners will be notified via e-mail in June

(3) Winners will be publicly announced on the Consulate's website and Facebook.

(4) Winners and other selected works will be displayed at the Consulate in the Japan Information and Cultural Center's gallery.

(5) Winners' names and grade levels (if applicable) may be displayed next to the Manga works in the gallery and online.

7. Selection

The Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco will be responsible for the selection procedures. The award will be final.

8. Return of Works

The submitted works will not be returned to applicants.