

# OFFICIAL 2015 AATJ NENGAJO CONTEST RULES YEAR OF THE SHEEP



## Eligibility:

- The teacher must be an AATJ member in good standing for the January 2014-December 2014 membership year.

## Elementary, Middle, High School Level:

Only 2 cards per category are allowed for each level at each school at which you teach (if you teach at more than 1 school, you may enter 2 per category for each school – with a limit of 8 per school. If there are more than one AATJ member at your school, each teacher can submit up to 8 cards.).

## College/University Level:

Only 1 card by each entrant is allowed. Students of Japanese at the college/university level will be responsible for entering their own cards for the contest.

\*A college/university student entrant must have a teacher who is an AATJ member in order to enter the contest.

COMPETITION LEVELS:	COMPETITION CATEGORIES
Elementary (K-5)	Artistic
Middle (6-8)	Comical
High (9-12)	Original
College/University Level	Computer Generated

**Requirements for ALL submissions:** (Cards that do not follow these instructions will be disqualified.)

- Each card must have a **label** on the back (typewritten preferable. See page 3).
- Cards must be **4 X 6 unlined index cards**.
- The design theme must focus on the upcoming **2015 Year of the Sheep**.
- Designs for the Artistic, Comical, and Original must be **ORIGINAL** and **hand-drawn**
- Designs for Computer Generated Category may include personal photos and original art created on a computer.
- Designs must be in good taste or praiseworthy across international cultures and societies.
- A Nengajo application form must be completed (see following page).
- All kanji and hiragana/katakana must be written in **pen**.
- The teacher or college/university student must enclose **one self-addressed stamped 9X12 envelope** with the submission

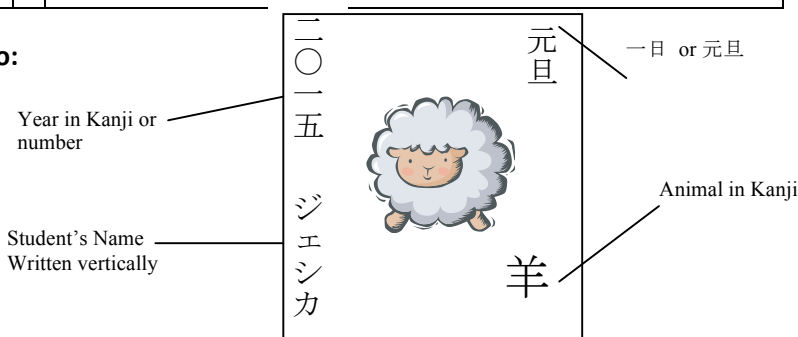
If you have any questions, please e-mail Kazumi Yamashita-Iverson at: [kyamashita@waterbury.k12.ct.us](mailto:kyamashita@waterbury.k12.ct.us)

## Mandatory Elements based on level:

Elementary School Rules	College, High School and Middle School Rules
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student's name must be written vertically on left-hand side of card in <u>katakana</u> (unless name is of Japanese origin – teacher-assigned Japanese names are not allowed)</li> <li>The design must include <b>"2015" or "二〇一五"</b></li> <li>The design must include <b>one</b> of the following: 元旦, 一日, あけましておめでとう、羊、 <u>or</u> ひつじ</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student's name must be written vertically on left-hand side of card in <u>katakana</u> (unless name is of Japanese origin – teacher-assigned Japanese names are not allowed)</li> <li>The year <b>"2015" or "二〇一五"</b></li> <li>Either GANTAN (元旦) or TSUITACHI (一日) written in kanji</li> <li>Kanji for Sheep 羊</li> </ul>

**Send submissions postmarked on or before Dec. 27 to:**

Kazumi Yamashita-Iverson  
110 Parkwood Ave.  
Waterbury, CT 06708



## 2015 AATJ Nengajo Contest Application Form and Checklist

Teacher's Name : \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**AATJ Affiliate (please check one):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AATJ (Arizona Assn. of Teachers of Japanese)<br><input type="checkbox"/> AFTJ (Assn. of Florida Teachers of Japanese)<br><input type="checkbox"/> AITJ (Assn. of Indiana Teachers of Japanese)<br><input type="checkbox"/> AKATJ (Alaska Assn. of Teachers of Japanese)<br><input type="checkbox"/> ATJO (Assn. of Teachers of Japanese in Oregon)<br><input type="checkbox"/> CAJLT (California Assn. of Japanese Language Teachers)<br><input type="checkbox"/> CJLEA (Colorado Japanese Language Educators Assn.)<br><input type="checkbox"/> GATJ (Georgia Assn. of Teachers of Japanese)<br><input type="checkbox"/> HATJ (Hawaii Assn. of Teachers of Japanese)<br><input type="checkbox"/> IMAJLT (Intermountain Assn. of Japanese Lang. Teachers)<br><input type="checkbox"/> IATJ (IL Assn. of Teachers of Japanese)<br><input type="checkbox"/> JLTAGuam<br><input type="checkbox"/> JTAM (Japanese Teachers Assn. of Michigan)<br><input type="checkbox"/> JTAT (Japanese Teachers Assn. of Texas) | <input type="checkbox"/> KAJLT (Kentucky Association of Japanese Language Teachers)<br><input type="checkbox"/> LATJ (Louisiana Assn. of Teachers of Japanese)<br><input type="checkbox"/> MATJ (Missouri Assn. of Teachers of Japanese)<br><input type="checkbox"/> MAATJ (Mid-Atlantic Assn. of Teachers of Japanese)<br><input type="checkbox"/> MCTJ (Minnesota Council of Teachers of Japanese)<br><input type="checkbox"/> NCATJ (North Carolina Assn. of Teachers of Japanese)<br><input type="checkbox"/> NCJTA (Northern California Japanese Teachers Association)<br><input type="checkbox"/> NECTJ (Northeast Council of Teachers of Japanese)<br><input type="checkbox"/> NJATJ (New Jersey Association of Teachers of Japanese)<br><input type="checkbox"/> OATJ (Ohio Assn. of Teachers of Japanese)<br><input type="checkbox"/> SCATJ (South Central Assn. of Teachers of Japanese)<br><input type="checkbox"/> SNJTA (Southern Nevada Japanese Teachers Association)<br><input type="checkbox"/> WATJ (Washington Assn. of Teachers of Japanese)<br><input type="checkbox"/> WiATJ (Wisconsin Assn. of Teachers of Japanese)<br><input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP |
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<b>LEVEL</b> <i>(Circle One)</i>	<b>Elementary(K-5)</b>	<b>MS (6-8)</b>	<b>HS (9-12)</b>	<b>College</b>
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Place a check mark in the correct column for each card: *A=Artistic, C=Comical, O=Original, CG = Computer Graphic*  
**Only 2 entries per category**

Student Name	Grade	A	C	O	CG

**Final Checklist: IF THESE THINGS ARE NOT INCLUDED, YOUR CARDS MAY BE DISQUALIFIED.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher is a member in good standing of AATJ for 2014.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All cards adhere to the rules for the corresponding level (see previous page).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cards are created on an unlined 4 X 6 inch index card.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cards are of an original design, not taken from a *manga*, an *anime*, a website, or other image which is copyright-protected
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cards are in good taste or praiseworthy across international cultures and societies without potentially making any specific viewer of the card uncomfortable or causing question as to the tastefulness.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A label with the required information is affixed to the back of your card (see the following page).
- \_\_\_\_\_ A stamped self-addressed 9x12 envelope for returning Nengajo and certificates is included.

\_\_\_\_ This Application Form is included.

**ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2014.**

**Teacher Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**School Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**School Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student grade** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Category (check)**  
Comical Artistic Original CG

**Teacher Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**School Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**School Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student grade** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Category (check)**  
Comical Artistic Original CG

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**School Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Student grade** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Category (check)**  
Comical Artistic Original CG

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**School Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Student grade** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Category (check)**  
Comical Artistic Original CG

**Teacher Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**School Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**School Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Student grade** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Category (check)**  
Comical Artistic Original CG

**Teacher Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**School Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**School Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student grade** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Category (check)**  
Comical Artistic Original CG

**\*\*University/College Level Label**

**Professor/Teacher Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Category (check)**  
Comical Artistic Original CG