

# OFFICIAL 2022 AATJ NENGAJO CONTEST RULES

## YEAR OF THE TIGER

### Eligibility:

The teacher must be an AATJ member for the January 2021 - December 2021 membership year.



### Elementary Lower, Elementary Higher, Middle, High School Level:

**Only 2 cards per category** are allowed for **each level at each school** (if you teach at more than 1 school and/or level, you may enter 2 per category for each school/level– with a limit of 8 per school/level. If there are more than one AATJ member at your school, each teacher can submit up to 8 cards). **Due to on-going school closures, this year's contest will only accept digital submissions.** Hand-drawn student work can be scanned via a scanner or scanning software on smartphones, etc.

### College/University Level:

**Only 1 card by each entrant** is allowed. Students of Japanese are 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 Lower (K-2)	Artistic
Elementary Higher (3-5)	Comical
Middle (6-8)	Computer Generated
High (9-12)	Encouragement (Middle, High School, College only)
College/University Level	

Application and Submissions can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/2022AATJNengajo>

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

- Nengajo submissions must maintain a **4 X 6 inch ratio in size**.
  - Similar to past contests, the usage of 4 x 6 inch blank index cards is recommended.
  - Digitally scanned cards must be clear and legible.
- The design theme must focus on the upcoming **2022 Year of the Tiger**.
- Designs for the Artistic, Comical, and Encouragement must be **ORIGINAL** and **hand-drawn**.
- Designs for Computer Generated Category may include personal photos and **original art** created on a computer.
- All kanji and hiragana/katakana must be written in **pen (any color)**.
- Designs must be in good taste or praiseworthy across international cultures and societies.
- When uploading submissions, please be wary of your **file names**. File names must include student name, school, category name, and teacher's last name.

Elementary School Rules	Middle, High School, and College Rules
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Student's name must be written <b>vertically or horizontally on the left-hand side</b> of card in <b>katakana</b> (unless name is of Japanese origin – teacher-assigned Japanese names are not allowed)</li> <li>▪ The design must include <b>"2022"</b> or <b>"二〇二二"</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、寅、虎、とら</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Student's name must be written <b>vertically or horizontally on the left-hand side</b> of card in <b>katakana</b> (unless name is of Japanese origin – teacher-assigned Japanese names are not allowed)</li> <li>▪ The year <b>"2022"</b> or <b>"二〇二二"</b></li> <li>▪ Either GANTAN (元旦) or TSUITACHI (一日) written in kanji</li> <li>▪ Kanji for tiger 寅 or 虎</li> </ul>

### Sample Nengajo formatting:

Image: <https://frame-illust.com/?p=9563>

Year in Kanji or number

二〇二二

元旦

一日 or 元旦 (or あけましておめでとう for ES)

Student's Name Written vertically in Katakana

マイケル



虎

Animal in Kanji (Must for MS, HS, and College)

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