

**The 40th Toyo University Gendai Gakusei Hyakunin Isshu
(One Hundred Poems of Modern Students) Contest (Academic Year 2026)
Guidelines for Contestants**

Entry deadline

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Theme

Expresses your perspective on daily life, feelings, etc.

Rules

Please compose a tanka poem in Japanese. Your poems must be original, unpublished tanka poems written by the candidates. Entries that are submitted simultaneously to other tanka competitions or which are extremely similar to works already published will be disqualified. *Not submitted to other competitions or social networking sites, and no generative AI is used.

How to apply the Contest

Beginning with the 40th round, we have transitioned to an online application system using a web form.

- For individual applicants

Please submit your application using the form below.

<https://www.toyo.ac.jp/issyu40/i>

- For School Group Applications

Please have the supervising instructor pre-register using the form below.

The student application form will be sent to you afterward.

<https://www.toyo.ac.jp/issyu40/is>

<Pre-registration Period> June 1 (Mon) – September 30 (Wed)

*Each candidate may apply tanka poems without limit, but only one poem per person will be selected.

*Please refer to the website below for details.

<https://www.toyo.ac.jp/s/issyu/>

Announcement of exceptional poems

The winning poems will be published on the Toyo University's website on January 15, 2027. Winners will be notified in advance around early to mid-December.

Important notes

1. All entries will have copyright at Toyo University.
2. Winning works will be published on the Toyo University's website, along with the authors' name, university name, grade, and school year.
3. Winning works, with the indication of their authors' name, university name, a grade, a school year, and age will be compiled into a booklet which will be distributed to related parties.
4. Regardless of the award received, the data entries, including information such as the name of the author and the name of the school, may be used for the purpose of press releases, academic research, etc.
5. Winning works and other entries may appear in newspapers, magazines, or other media.
6. Personal information obtained by Toyo University in connection with the processing of entries will not be used for purposes other than those set out above.
7. The organizer will not be held responsible for any copyright infringement or other disputes that may arise regarding entries.

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