**HAIKU Submission Guidelines**

**BACKGROUND**
In the spirit of raising awareness of the arts and culture of Japan to the people of Arizona, we challenge you to write your own Arizona-inspired HAIKU.

Haiku poems typically contain a reference to images of nature. They use simple concrete images of things we can see, smell, taste, touch, or feel. The best haiku poems reveal the essence of a thing so clearly that the reader can experience the momentary scene or insight that inspired the author.

**GENERAL OVERVIEW AND CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

**Start Date of Submissions:** December 16, 2019

**Deadline** Submitted ONLINE by midnight Feb 9th, 2020

Submissions accepted online only

**Festival Date:** Saturday and Sunday, February 22-23, 2020

Announcements of selected Haiku will be posted on the Arizona Matsuri web site.

Recognition of outstanding Haiku will be presented in the following six categories:

1) Grades K-3
2) Grades 4-6
3) Grades 7-8
4) Grades 9-12
5) Adults
6) Japanese language

*All categories are open to residents of Arizona. Selected entries in each category will be published online at azmatsuri.org and displayed at the Haiku booth at the Arizona Matsuri event.*
HAIKU SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please read these guidelines carefully. Submissions that do not follow these guidelines will be disqualified. Haiku submitted are to be previously unpublished original work by the author submitting. Please refer to the Reference Guide and Lesson Plan as well as the Terms and Conditions documents for further details and example Haiku before submitting your Haiku. Entries can be submitted only online.

• Entrants may submit up to three (3) Haiku.
• Submit each Haiku using the Online Form.
• All category submissions are free of charge.
• When submitting via the Online Form, your submission will be reviewed in a way to ensure anonymous selections.
• Please do not include a title.
• Please read the definition of Haiku below and in the Reference Guide document.
• Selected Haiku in each category will be published on the Arizona Matsuri website.
• Arizona Matsuri reserves the right to publish, either online or in print for the purpose of promoting the Arizona Matsuri. Authors retain copyright to their work.
• Submitted Haiku will not be returned.
• Selected entries will be on display during the event.
• By participating in this Haiku Expo, each entrant accepts and agrees to comply with and abide by the Terms and Conditions posted under Haiku Expo on the Arizona Matsuri website at www.azmatsuri.org

The Online Form is linked to the Arizona Matsuri web site www.azmatsuri.org

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