



Anime 祭 (sai) Cosplay Showcase

The Cosplay Showcase is a virtual photo exhibition of cosplays from Japanese anime, manga, video games, or live action productions. Submit photos of your cosplays to match the showcase themes for the chance to win some prizes!

How to Enter

1. Submissions will open on October 1, 2020 at <http://bit.ly/CosplayShowcaseForm>.
2. Pick one of the thematic categories to enter: Classical, Creature, Visionary, Uniform, Fantasy. Judges will be looking for how well the character design, your portrayal, and overall photo speak to the theme.
3. Submit up to (5) photos of a cosplay that fit the theme you picked. Event coordinators will select up to (3) to use in the cosplay showcase based on photo quality.
4. Submissions will close on October 16, 2020 at 11:59pm EST or when all spots have been filled, whichever comes first.

F.A.Q.

Please see contest rules below for full submission requirements.

Do costumes need to be handmade?

Nope! There is no craftsmanship judging, so costumes may be purchased.

What types of cosplays are permitted?

Cosplays should be of characters from Japanese anime, manga, video games, or live action productions, but we also allow characters from properties that have been adapted or influenced by Japanese media and culture such as *Powerpuff Girls Z*, *Voltron*, *Avatar: The Last Airbender*, or *RWBY*.

What are the photo requirements?

Photos must be at least 1200 pixels wide and 800 pixels tall. Landscape shots are preferred. At least (2) of the photos must be solo shots.

Happy Cosplaying!

Cosplay Showcase Rules

The Cosplay Showcase is a virtual photo exhibition of cosplays from Japanese anime, manga, video games, or live action shows and movies, or from properties heavily influenced by anime and Japanese culture in terms of content and style. Each cosplayer will submit several images and a brief description of their cosplay. Media will be edited by event staff into a presentation to be broadcast during the AB x JSB Anime 祭 (sai) online event on Saturday October 24, 2020.

Below are all the requirements and guidelines for submitting photos to the Cosplay Showcase.

I. Submissions

- a. Submissions will open on October 1, 2020. Submissions will close October 16, 2020 at 11:59pm or when all spots have been filled, whichever comes first.
- b. Submissions are reviewed for eligibility and accepted on a first come, first serve basis.
- c. Cosplayers must be 13 or older at the time of submission to enter the Cosplay Showcase.
- d. Each cosplayer is permitted (1) entry. In the event that multiple entries are submitted, event coordinators will use the first complete entry.
- e. Cosplayers may be asked to provide contact information for the purpose of allocating prizes, including legal name and email address.
- f. All submission content must be appropriate for a PG-13 audience.
- g. Symbols and costumes depicting or associated with discrimination, harassment, or hate groups will be disqualified. Event coordinators reserve the right to make the final determination whether a cosplay falls within these parameters.
- h. Failure to comply with any of the requirements will result in disqualification.

II. Cosplay Requirements

- a. The AB x JSB Anime 祭 (sai) online event is a collaboration between the New England Anime Society, Anime Boston, and Japan Society Boston, with a focus on Japanese culture. All cosplays submitted to the showcase must meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - i. Costume is from an anime, manga, video game, or live action that originated in Japan. Examples: *My Hero Academia*, *Final Fantasy VII*
 - ii. Costume is from a Japanese adaptation of a property that originated outside of Japan and the adapted costume design is distinct. Example: *Powerpuff Girls Z*
 - iii. Costume is from a foreign adaptation of an anime, manga, video game, or live action that originated from Japan. Example: *Voltron - Legendary Defenders*
 - iv. Costume is from a show, comic, video game, or film that has been ruled to be sufficiently influenced by Japanese media and culture, regardless of where the source material originated. Examples include: *Avatar - The Last Air Bender*, *RWBY*, *Samurai Jack*.
- b. Costumes do not need to be homemade
- c. There are (5) theme categories in the Cosplay Showcase. Some costumes or characters may fit multiple categories. The cosplayer must select which (1) category is the best fit for their cosplay.
 - i. Classical - costumes that are influenced by traditional or historical fashion like kimono, samurai armor, medieval gowns, or period suit ensembles.
 - ii. Creature - costumes with non-human features such as wings, tails, ears, fins, claws, fur, scales, shells etc. Both gijinka and full-body suits interpretations are acceptable.

- iii. Visionary - costumes from modern, futuristic, or science-fiction settings with innovative design elements like superhero suits, mech suit plating, or engineered gadgets/weapons.
- iv. Uniform - costumes with a uniform from a school, job, team, squad, or force. This also includes coordinated uniform-like looks used by characters in performance groups.
- v. Fantasy - costumes from other worlds or alternate realities with designs that defy the imagination like outfits for spell casters or isekai protagonists.

III. Photo Requirements

- a. Cosplayers are required to submit a minimum of (3) photos of a single cosplay. Up to (5) photos can be submitted.
 - i. Event coordinators will select at least (1) to a maximum of (3) photos to appear in the showcase based on eligibility, adherence to thematic guidelines, and any other criteria at their discretion.
 - ii. Photos should not be dark, blurry, or grainy.
- b. Each cosplayer must submit at least (2) photos where they are the only person in the photo. The remaining photos may be solo or group shots.
 - i. Cosplayers are discouraged from submitting photos that have been heavily cropped.
- c. Photos must be at least 1200 pixels wide and 800 pixels tall. Landscape shots are preferred, but not required.
- d. The cosplayer must confirm that they have rights to use the photos and provide consent for the New England Anime Society and Anime Boston to manipulate said photos for the Cosplay Showcase.
 - i. The cosplayer must provide the name of the photographer(s).

IV. Awards

- a. All entries will be judged and scored by the event coordinators based on how well cosplay, cosplayer, and photo capture the category theme and highlight key aspects of the costume's design.
- b. All submissions are eligible for (1) award.
- c. The highest scoring entry in each category will receive a Best of Category award, for a total of (5) Best in Category awards:
 - i. Best of Category: Classical
 - ii. Best of Category: Creature
 - iii. Best of Category: Visionary
 - iv. Best of Category: Uniform
 - v. Best of Category: Fantasy
- d. The single highest scoring entry across all categories will receive the Best in Showcase award.
- e. Each Best in Category award winner will receive a gift card valued at \$50.00 USD.
- f. The Best in Showcase award winner will receive:
 - i. A gift card valued at \$150.00 USD
 - ii. A complimentary badge to Anime Boston 2021
- g. Winners will be selected prior to the Cosplay Showcase and announced at the end of the event. Additionally, winners will receive an email notification no later than Sunday October 25, 2020 with details for how to claim their prize.