MUSIC AWARDS JAPAN
2026

Category	Subcategory	Title	Title
SIX MAJOR CATEGORIES		Song of the Year	
		Artist of the Year	
		New Artist of the Year	
		Album of the Year	
		Best Global Hit from Japan	
		Best Song Asia	
SONGS	Music Genre Category	Best J-POP Song	Best Rock Song
		Best Hip Hop/Rap Song	Best R&B/Contemporary Song
		Best Alternative Song	Best Dance & Vocal Song (Group/Solo)
		Best Boys Idol Culture Song (Group/Solo)	Best Girls Idol Culture Song (Group/Solo)
		Best Enka/Kayōkyoku	Best Instrumental Song
		Best Dance/Electronic Song in association with JDDA	
	Special Category	Best Dance/Electronic Song in association with JDDA	Best Anime Song
		Best Vocaloid Culture Song	Best Cross-Border Collaboration Song
		Best Viral Song	
	Back Catalog Category	Best Revival Hit Song	Best Long-Charting Song
	Regional Category	Best Japanese Song in Asia	Best Japanese Song in Europe
		Best Japanese Song in North America	Best Japanese Song in Latin America
INTERNATIONAL SONGS	Music Genre Category	Best International Pop Song in Japan	Best International Rock Song in Japan
		Best International Hip Hop/Rap Song in Japan	Best International R&B/Contemporary Song in Japan
		Best International Alternative Song in Japan	Best K-POP Song in Japan
	International Special Category	Special Award: Korean Popular Music	Special Award: Thai Popular Music
		Special Award: Indonesian Popular Music	Special Award: Vietnamese Popular Music
		Special Award: Philippine Popular Music	
ARTISTS	Music Genre Category	Best J-POP Artist	Best Rock Band/Solo Artist
		Best Hip Hop/Rap Artist	Best R&B/Contemporary Artist
		Best Alternative Artist	Best Dance & Vocal Artist (Group/Solo)
		Best Boys Idol Culture Artist (Group/Solo)	Best Girls Idol Culture Artist (Group/Solo)
		Best Digital Culture Artist	Best K-POP Artist
		Best DJ in association with JDDA	
SPECIAL ARTIST HONOR		MAJ Timeless Echo	
		Special Award in Enka/Kayōkyoku	
ALBUMS	Genre Category	Best Long-Charting Album	Best Jazz Album
		Best Classical Album	Best Soundtrack Album
LIVE PERFORMANCE		Largest Live Audience (Japan)	Largest Live Audience (International)
LIVE STAFF		Best Stage Production Staff in association with Japan Live Entertainment Stage Tech Staff Association	
		Best Lighting Production Staff in association with Japan Live Entertainment Stage Tech Staff Association	
		Best Sound Production Staff in association with Japan Live Entertainment Stage Tech Staff Association	
		Live Production Staff Achievement in association with Japan Live Entertainment Stage Tech Staff Association	
CREATORS	Music Video Category	Best Music Video	
	Original Score Category	Best Original Score for Cinema	Best Original Score for Drama
		Best Original Score for Animation	
	Artwork Category	Best Cover Artwork in association with JAGDA	
	Engineer Category	Grand Prix Engineer in association with PMRAJ	
	Student Creation Category	STUDENT MUSIC CREATORS CHALLENGE in association with Kyoto University of the Arts	
OPEN VOTING	Japanese Songs Category	Best of Listeners' Choice: Japanese Song powered by Spotify	
	International Songs Category	Best of Listeners' Choice: International Song powered by Spotify	
MUSIC TECH		Special Award: Music Tech	
ANALOG RECORD		Best Analog Record Sales	
PARTNERSHIP	Karaoke Category	Special Award: Karaoke Karaoke of the Year: J-POP powered by DAM & JOYSOUND	
		Special Award: Karaoke Karaoke of the Year: Enka/Kayōkyoku powered by DAM & JOYSOUND	
	USEN Broadcasting Category	Special Award: Oshi-Katsu Request Artist of the Year powered by USEN	
	Music Rights Category	Special Award: Song of the Year for Creators presented by JASRAC	
	Radio Category	Special Award: Radio Radio Rising Artist of the Year	
	Fandom Category	Special Award: Fandom Best Fandom Artist powered by LINE MUSIC & Yahoo! JAPAN Search	
	Family Song Category	Special Award: Family Song Best Family Song 2025 powered by FamilyAlbum	

※As of June 2, 2026