

Qualify for membership expense coverage by running panels!

We are happy to announce that fan panelists will have the opportunity to qualify for membership expense coverage by running panels!

Fan panelists can be eligible for badge cost reimbursement of their membership by providing content that teaches about Asian culture or how Asian culture has been influenced by the media presented in the panel **OR by providing 4 hours of off topic content.**

Please be advised, this opportunity does not extend to tutorial panels. If you would like to provide a tutorial and are a trusted member of the Asian cultural community, please reach out to publicity@sakuracon.org for more information on becoming a cultural presenter.

Requirements

- You must be 18 or older.
- You must already be registered
- You must provide at least 3 hours of on-topic programming that reflects Sakura-Con's mission of the "understanding of Asian culture through the use of traditional and contemporary media." Although Sakura-Con is filled with many different types of pop culture, the panels that qualify toward on-topic membership expense coverage must be focused around teaching and sharing Asian culture.
- You may also provide 2 additional hours of panels on-topic to gain an additional badge for a third co-panelist.
- **4 hours of Off-topic panels will receive membership expense coverage.**
- You may also provide 3 additional hours of off-topic to gain an additional badge for a third co-panelist.

Examples of panels that would qualify toward on-topic membership expense coverage:

- The Evolution of Anime Art Aesthetics
- Cosplay as Culture

Panel types that would NOT qualify toward on-topic membership expense coverage:

- "Ask" type character panels
- Game panels including but not limited to dating games and game shows.
- Cosplay panels not related to the impact of cosplay on Japanese culture or cosplay as a cultural art form.
- Any panel regarding media or pop culture not related to Japan/Asia (ex: Futurama, Homestuck, Star Wars, Adventure Time) unless it's expressly about how Japan/Asia has influenced the media or vice versa.

Some examples of panels that will receive off-topic membership expense coverage:

- Drawing Anime Art
- Cosplay 101

If you have questions on whether your panel qualifies for membership expense coverage, you can email panels@sakuracon.org with your panel and content before you submit your panel and we will let you know.

Notices

- ❖ Everyone receiving the membership expense coverage must be 18 or older.
- ❖ Make sure you list your co-panelist on the panel submission form if you want them to also want them to qualify to have their membership expense covered. If you are running panels by yourself, then only you will be eligible to have your membership expense covered.
- ❖ You may NOT list a friend as a co-panelist in order to get their membership expense covered if they are not hosting the panel with you. The Panel Moderators will have lists of the panelists and will be checking for any abuses of the system.
- ❖ More hours can mean more memberships, but if you have two co-panelists you all must run 5 hours of culturally relevant content **or 6 hours of off-topic content**
- ❖ Panelists are not eligible for any other coverage in relation to convention attendance or panel related expenses

Anyone who uses this system to qualify for membership expense coverage but does not fulfill their responsibility will have a one-year panel ban and their membership pulled.

Notification

Panelists will be notified if they qualify for membership reimbursement once all panels have been approved in March. If you haven't heard from us by that time but feel that you qualify, please contact the Panels Coordinator at panels@sakuracon.org.