

Second Annual ADAMS Quran Competition (AQC) 1447 - 2026

Alhamdulillah, it's time for Quran!

All praise and thanks are due to Allah the Most Generous the Most Benevolent.

We are happy to welcome you to the new ADAMS Quran Competition(AQC)

Participation:

- The competition is open to the public
- Age limits may apply to some categories
- Imams and Quran Teachers are not allowed to compete in the competition.
- Winners from all the Categories will receive prizes.

The competition runs on two rounds:

- The **Qualification** round: Shaaban 19th and Shaaban 20th 1447 - February 7 and February 8, 2026
 - Every participant will be contacted with the specific date/time for the testing
 - all participants in all different categories will be tested
 - All testing is in-person on the allocated time for each categories, no exceptions.
- The **Finals** round and **Awards** Ceremony: Shaaban 26th 1447 - February 14th 2026
 - The three finalists from each category will compete in front of a judging panel while the community is in attendance
 - Awards ceremony

Memorization Rules

The memorization will be mainly judged according to the rules of Riwayat **Hafs** 'an **Asim**. However, exceptions can be made if a judge knowledgeable of the Riwayat is available.

- In each category, the contestants will be asked to recite three different questions.
- It could be three Surahs or sections from three Surahs selected by the judges.
- If contestants fail to recite any of the three questions they automatically receive 0 points in the question they did not recite. **No make up questions.**
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The grades are 100 points and will be determined as follows:

- The quality of the memorization: **75 points** (25 points for each question)
The quality of the memorization includes knowing the name of the surah

- The proper pronunciation of the letters and words: **15 points** (5 points for each question). The proper pronunciation of the letters and words includes articulating of each makhraj correctly and proper pronunciation of the vowels (fatha, damma, kasrah, and tanween) the saken and mushadad (with shaddah) letters
- Tarteel (rhythm), presentation and ability to control the voice: **10 points** (for general recitation)

*** **Note:** ½ **point** will be deducted for each warning and a **1 point** for each correction.

The Reading Contest

- The Reading Contest will be in Surat Ibrahim (Chapter 14)
- The contestants will be asked to read two passages from the above Surah, selected by the judges.
- The grades are 100 points and will be determined as follows:
 - A. The quality of Reading: **80 points** including:
 - Proper pronunciation of the letters and words (articulate correctly each makhraj)
 - Proper pronunciation of The vowels (Fatha, Damma, Kasrah, and Tanween) The saken and Mushadad (with Shaddah) letters
 - Proper pronunciation of Al-Lam Al-Shamsiyah and Al –Lam Al-Qamariyah
 - Rules of Waqf (Stop). Noon and Meem Mushadad
 - Common Madds and Hamza-tu Al-Wasl
 - B. The Tarteel (rhythm): **15 points**, presentation and ability to control the voice
 - C. The Etiquette (Adab) of reading the Quran: **5 points**
- The Contestants must receive a minimum score of 85% in reading to qualify as a winner.

Finalists Award Ceremony

- All winners must be present in order to participate, and get awards.
- If a winner is absent from the event then the runner-up will be called to participate in the finalists competition and receive the award.

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