The Dalai Lama is coming back to Chicago.

Less than a year after Tibet’s spiritual leader visited the city, he will return to give a public talk on nonviolence at Loyola University on April 26.

About 4,000 tickets will be available for purchase from the TIBETcenter, the cultural organization sponsoring the event. But more than 450 tickets will be reserved for high school juniors and seniors across Illinois selected by their schools to attend.

High school juniors also can compete in an essay contest, responding to a question posed by the Dalai Lama: “How can an attitude of non-violence counteract the prevalence of violence in our families, in our communities and in international relations; and how can we as individuals cultivate and promote such an attitude?”

In addition to a monetary prize, winners will present their essays to His Holiness and get the opportunity to ask him questions after his talk.

In accordance with Tibetan tradition, 76 local Tibetans of all ages will welcome the Dalai Lama – an auspicious number of participants selected to match the spiritual leader's age. The group will perform a song for His Holiness in slow motion, and two children will perform a Droso Chemar offering, usually made in connection with Losar, or the Tibetan New Year, that falls in February next year.

Ticket costs will range from $40 to $120. Organizers say proceeds will benefit 14 Tibetan organizations, including dance and music groups in Chicago and the city's Senior Tibetans Assistance Resource Tank.