

2008-2009 Japan Center - Canon Essay Competition at Stony Brook University

Aim: The aim of the Japan Center - Canon Essay Competition is to promote awareness and understanding of Japan in the United States, and to help young Americans broaden their international horizons.

Awards:

Best Essay Award*: three awards in the High School Division (1st Place: \$2,000; 2nd Place: \$1,000; 3rd Place: \$500) and one award in the College Division (\$2,000)

Special Award: up to three awards in the High School Division and two awards in the College Division

Honorable Mention: maximum of ten in the High School and College Divisions combined (\$100 each)

*Complementary awards (Canon cameras) will be associated.

Essay Theme: The Essay Competition theme is "*Japan.*" Entries must be based on the author's personal views concerning Japan. What is it about Japan that inspires the author and why? Possible topics might be Japan's arts, pop culture, traditions, values, philosophy, history, society, politics, business or technology. Contestants do not need to have any experience in visiting Japan or studying Japanese, but insight gained from personal experience would be suitable for inclusion in the essay. The previous award winning essays can be viewed at the Japan Center's website: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/japancenter>. (Click "JCSB-Canon Essay Competition.")

Entry Qualifications: The Japan Center - Canon Essay Competition is open to students who satisfy all of the following conditions.

1. They attend high school or college (private, public, or religious) in the Long Island counties of Nassau and Suffolk and the New York City boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx, Staten Island, Queens and Brooklyn.
2. They are enrolled in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade or in undergraduate programs during the 2008-2009 school year.
3. They are US citizens or legal permanent residents of the US.

Conditions and Procedure:

Length: Maximum 750 words excluding title, footnotes, and bibliography for the High School Division. 1,000-1,500 words, excluding title, footnotes, and bibliography for the College Division.

Language: English

Format: Paper size: letter size (8.5" x 11") Line spacing: 1.5
Font size: 12 pts. Margin: 1" (top, bottom, left, right)

Use of External Information and Sources: All use of external information or sources must be properly cited in the essay and the sources must be listed in a bibliography. Use of any external materials without proper citation will be considered plagiarism and grounds for disqualification.

Submission: Send your essay in MS Word or RTF format by e-mail attachment to:

Japan_Center_Essay_Contest@notes.cc.sunysb.edu

(Alternatively, save it in a CD and mail it to: The Japan Center at Stony Brook, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY 11794-5343, along with a hardcopy of the essay and a self-addressed and stamped envelope.)

Submission Deadline: December 31, 2008 (Acknowledgement of receipt will be sent by January 9, 2009.)

The organization of your electronic file to be submitted should be as below:

The first page:

- a. Author's full name
- b. Essay title
- c. Affiliated school and current grade level / academic standing
- d. E-mail address
- e. Mailing address
- f. Telephone number
- g. Legal status (a citizen or a permanent resident of the US)
- h. The name, title, specialty, and contact information of the teacher/faculty member who advised the author, if any
- i. Name, mailing address, and e-mail address of the author's guardian(s), if the author is a minor
- j. Others (academic major, if any; any experience in studying Japanese or living in Japan)

The second page and after:

- a. Author's initial
- b. Essay title
- c. Division (High School Division or College Division)
- d. Exact word count of the essay
- e. Essay text (no image should be included)
- f. Bibliography, if any

Copyright: Note that submissions cannot be returned, and the JCSB owns the copyright of the award-winning essays.

Judging: Entries in the Japan Center - Canon Essay Competition will be evaluated by the following panel of judges on the basis of their insight, creativity, and originality of expression.

Honorary Judges: Shirley Strum Kenny, President of Stony Brook University, Joe Adachi, President & C.E.O. of Canon U.S.A., Inc.

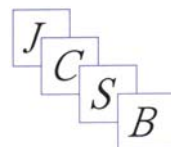
Judges: Sachiko Murata (Chief Judge, Dept. of Asian and Asian American Studies), Clifford Huffman (English Dept.), Janis Mimura (Dept. of History), Gregory Ruf (Dept. of Anthropology/Asian and Asian American Studies), and Sheldon Reaven (Dept. of Technology and Society)

Recognition of Award Recipients: The award recipients and their essays will be posted on the web site of the JCSB (<http://www.stonybrook.edu/japancenter>) on April 1, 2009. The award recipients in the Japan Center - Canon Essay Competition will be formally recognized at the 2009 JCSB Annual Meeting, to be held at the Charles B. Wang Center at Stony Brook University on Saturday, April 18, 2009.

Organizing Committee: Eriko Sato (Chair), Mary Diaz, Marlene Dubois, Tatsushi Hirono, Patricia Marinaccio, Joan Miyazaki, Eva Nagase, Chikako Nakamura, Gerard Senese, and Megs Shea

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