

Japan Center - Canon Essay Competition

at Stony Brook University

2007-2008

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" in the High School Division (\$1,500, maximum three awards per year)
- "Best Essay Award" in the College Division (\$2,000, one award per year)
- "Honorable Mention" in both the High School and College Divisions (one in each division)

*Complementary awards (Canon cameras) will be associated.

Essay Theme: The Japan Center - Canon Essay Competition theme is *Spirit of Japan*. Contestants should describe the "spirit of Japan" in its history, traditional culture, pop culture, art, philosophy, value, society, family, industry, technology, business, economics, etc. in relation to themselves (e.g., their personal experiences, future goals, life history, personal philosophy, etc.). Contestants who do not have an experience in visiting Japan or studying Japanese are strongly encouraged to apply. 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 2007-2008 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, 2007 (Acknowledgement of receipt will be sent by January 15, 2008)

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. 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.

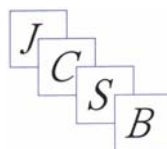
Judges: Sachiko Murata (Chief Judge, Department of Asian and Asian American Studies), Clifford Huffman (English Department), Janis Mimura (Department of History), Gregory Ruf (Department of Anthropology/Asian and Asian American Studies).

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, 2008. The award recipients in the Japan Center - Canon Essay Competition will be formally recognized at the 2008 JCSB Annual Meeting, to be held at the Charles B. Wang Center at Stony Brook University on Saturday, April 26, 2008.

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

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