

Japan Center - Canon Essay Competition

at Stony Brook University

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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 award will be made in each division; each recipient will receive one Canon product to be determined by Canon U.S.A.)

Essay Theme: The Japan Center - Canon Essay Competition theme is *Japan and Me*. Contestants should discuss one or more aspects of Japan (history, traditional culture, pop culture, art, philosophy, value, society, family, industry, technology, business, economics, etc.) in relation to one or more aspects of themselves: their personal experiences, future goals, life history, personal philosophy, etc.

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 2005-2006 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 high school division. Maximum 1,500 words excluding title, footnotes, and bibliography, plus maximum 200 word abstract for 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: Submissions to the Japan Center - Canon Essay Competition should be post-marked no later than **December 1, 2005** and sent to **The Japan Center at Stony Brook, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY 11794-5343**. Your submission will be acknowledged by e-mail. If you do not receive e-mail acknowledgment within 14 days, contact the Japan Center at Stony

Brook (JCSB) by e-mail (japan_center@notes.cc.sunysb.edu) or by phone (1-631-632-9477). Note that submissions cannot be returned, and the JCSB owns the copyright of the award-winning essays. Submissions should include the following:

1. An information sheet that states:
 - a. Author's full name
 - b. Division (High School Division or College Division)
 - c. Affiliated school
 - d. Academic major/minor, if any
 - e. Current grade level or academic standing
 - f. Essay title
 - g. Exact word count of the essay
 - h. Citizenship (a US citizen or a legal permanent resident of the US)
 - i. Mailing address
 - j. E-mail address
 - k. Telephone number
 - l. The name, title, specialty, and contact information of the teacher/faculty member who advised the author, if any
 - m. Any experience in studying Japanese or living in Japan
2. Four copies of the essay
3. A compact disk (CD) with an electronic file of the above information sheet and the essay in MS Word or RTF format.

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, Yoroku Adachi, President & C.E.O. of Canon U.S.A, Inc.

Judges: Clifford Huffman (English Department), Richard Larson (Department of Linguistics), Janis Mimura (Department of History), Sachiko Murata (Department of Asian and Asian American Studies), Kiyoteru Tsutsui (Department of Sociology), Eriko Sato (Executive Director of JCSB)

Recognition of Award Recipients: The award recipients and their essays will be posted on the web site of the JCSB on April 1, 2006. The award recipients in the Japan Center - Canon Essay Competition will be formally recognized at the 2006 Annual JCSB Meeting, to be held at the Charles B. Wang Center at Stony Brook University on Saturday, April 29, 2006. The award recognition ceremony will be followed by a reception, which will include the award recipient, his/her teacher/advisor, his/her parent or guardian, and up to five of his/her family or friends. Transportation costs for award recipients, their teacher/advisors and parents or guardian will be reimbursed.

Organizing Committee: Eriko Sato (Chair), Chiyoko Lord, Joan Miyazaki, Eva Nagase
The JCSB Board of Director in Charge: Yoko Ojima
Canon U.S.A. Representatives in Charge: Debra Epstein, Yukiaki Hashimoto, MikeVirgintino

