



13<sup>th</sup> Annual Shinto Essay Competition 2010  
1st prize US \$1,000 / 2nd prize US \$500 / 3rd prize US \$300

Please select one of the following **essay topics** :

- (1) Kami and Hotoke in Japanese Popular Culture
- (2) Shinto and Literature
- (3) Shinto as “story” and/or Shinto as “doctrine”

The competition is open to university students (undergraduates, graduates) and researchers. Applicants should submit an essay of no more than 3,500 words (including footnotes and bibliography) on one of the above topics. Essays will be judged on their originality and the clarity of their argument. Essays should be e-mailed as attached file in 12-point type, double-spaced, on 8-1/2 x 11 (or A-4) format to [hdqrs@shinto.org](mailto:hdqrs@shinto.org). All entries must be received before July 15, 2010.

Applicants are permitted to submit only one essay, and must attach a brief biography (including nationality, current postal and email addresses) on a separate sheet.

**Important advice:**

- (1) We strongly recommend that non-native speakers of English have their essays checked by a native speaker.
- (2) It is vital for all applicants to cite all sources used. Failure to do may constitute plagiarism, and lead to the disqualification of the essay submitted. Sources can be cited as either footnotes or endnotes. For examples of how to cite sources, the applicant can refer to one of the following:
  - a) The footnotes as used in the *Japanese journal for religious studies* (JJRS articles can be accessed on line at: [http://www.ic.nanzan-u.ac.jp/SHUBUNKEN/publications/jjrs/jjrs\\_cumulative\\_list.htm](http://www.ic.nanzan-u.ac.jp/SHUBUNKEN/publications/jjrs/jjrs_cumulative_list.htm)).
  - b) The end-notes as used in Breen and Teeuwen, *A new history of Shinto*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2010.
- (3) We ask that all applicants append to the essay a bibliography of the sources they have used in the writing of the essay. For guidance, please consult either the bibliographies found at the end of JJRS articles or the bibliography in Breen and Teeuwen, *A new history of Shinto*. You can also refer to *A Shinto Bibliography in English* on line at: <http://www.shinto.org/isf/eng/bib>

**Notes:**

- (1) Those who have already been awarded prizes twice in previous years' competitions are no longer eligible.
- (2) All entrants will be notified of competition results, and winners will be publicly announced in October 2010. Winners will receive prize money by bank check. All submissions become the property of ISF.

This competition is sponsored by The International Shinto Foundation, Inc., (ISF) accredited Not-for-Profit Organization and NGO associated with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and Department of Public Information (DPI).

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