

# Onkyo Braille Essay Contest

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*Administered by the  
National Federation of the Blind  
On behalf of the  
North America-Caribbean Region of the World Blind Union*

Purpose: To promote Braille literacy and to encourage the sharing of social and cultural information among blind/low vision persons.

All essays must be received by June 30, 2009.

Contest rules and other details can be found on the following page.

## APPLICATION

Submit this application, along with your essay, to your country's contact on the following page.

Additional copies of this application may be obtained by downloading them from [www.ccbnational.net](http://www.ccbnational.net) or by contacting your country's representative.

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female

Profession \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Essay \_\_\_\_\_

Category (check one): \_\_\_ Junior (aged 25 and under)

\_\_\_ Senior (aged 26 and up)

Number of Braille Pages in Essay: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ONKYO BRAILLE ESSAY CONTEST**

All entries must be received by June 30, 2009. Questions concerning the contest should be directed to the country contact listed below.

- 1) Essays must pertain to any of the following topics to be accepted into the contest:
  - a) How do you acquire knowledge and information through Braille or audio devices? (Illustrate with some interesting personal stories/episodes.)
  - b) How can blind persons become independent by learning Braille or music?
  - c) Individual concept about world peace from the viewpoint of persons with disabilities.
- 2) Essays must be written by the blind participants, in English or their native language, in Braille, and must be completely original in nature.
- 3) The writer's name, age, and title should be written in Braille at the top of the first page.
- 4) Essays should be no fewer than 800 words and no more than 1,000 words in length.
- 5) There will be two groups of competitors—one Junior group, aged 25 and under; and one Senior group, aged 26 and up.
- 6) Essays will be judged on the following criteria: pertinence to the topics listed above; impact and credibility of the experiences described; accuracy and neatness in using Braille; style and language skills.
- 7) Prizes:
  - a) Ootsuki Award (for junior or senior group participants): \$2,000.00 and a commemorative souvenir with a value of US\$100. One award given.
  - b) Excellent Work Award (for senior group participants): \$1,000.00 and a commemorative souvenir with a value of US\$100. Two awards given.
  - c) Fine Work Award (for senior group participants): \$500.00 each and a commemorative souvenir with a value of US\$50. Four awards given.
- 8) The organizers in Japan will send the prizes to the contacts for the winner's country of residence, who will then pass them on to the individual winners. The winning essays will be included in a commemorative contest booklet. Winners will be asked to submit a photograph to be included in the booklet along with their essays.

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