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The Burma Studies Foundation announces the Sarah M. Bekker Burma Essay Prize

The **Burma Studies Foundation** announces the inauguration of the **Sarah M. Bekker Burma Essay Prize**, with up to two awards of **US\$500** to be awarded every other year, beginning 2008, for the **best academic essay of no more than 10,000 words on a subject dealing with Burma/Myanmar**. The prize is open to students in any academic field who are currently registered at a university or college; there are no citizenship or residence requirements.

To apply (three steps):

a) Mail one **paper copy** of your paper to Julian K. Wheatley, Chair, the Burma Studies Foundation: 1427 Henry Clay Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118-6059, USA; **b)** send one **electronic copy** (in pdf format) of your paper to wheatley@mit.edu; and **c)** have your academic advisor send an email to wheatley@mit.edu certifying that the paper submitted is original research. [*This emailed note can simply be a few lines such as: "Maung Shwe You, a student working under my supervision, is submitting a paper based on original research for the Burma Studies Prize", signed by your advisor.*] Receipt of your paper and advisor's certification will be confirmed by email.

Timeline

Your entry should be written **in English**, and postmarked no later than **January 31, 2008**. The decision of the Prize Committee will be made by **June 1, 2008**. The winner will be notified immediately, and the prize will be awarded at the 2008 Burma Studies Conference to be held at the Center for Burma Studies, Northern Illinois University, October 3-5, 2008. The decision of the judges is final. The essay will be reviewed for publication in the *Journal of Burma Studies* (Northern Illinois University).

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