



## ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON LIBRARY

### ESSAY COMPETITION – 2010

#### The Shah Nameh: A Glorious Past---A Prologue to the Future

The Zoroastrian Association of Houston Library is holding an essay competition in order to promote Zoroastrian scholarship among our youth. The winner will be awarded a \$1,000 prize and free registration to the 10<sup>th</sup> North American Zarathushti Congress in Houston, TX in December 2010. The winner will also make a presentation about his or her essay at a time slot allocated at the Congress.

**Topic**            **The Shah Nameh: A Glorious Past---A Prologue to the Future**

**Eligibility**        The competition is open to all Zoroastrians living or studying in the USA & Canada under the age of 25 as of December 31, 2010.

**Deadline**        **October 31, 2010.**

**Format**            Entries must be submitted electronically to Aban Rustomji at [aban@coatingindustries.com](mailto:aban@coatingindustries.com) in Microsoft WORD, double spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font, and with 1-inch borders all around. The participant's name, address and phone number shall be on a separate cover page only. No name should appear on subsequent pages. The names will be removed, and replaced with a numeric identifier, before the essays are sent to the judges for evaluation.

**Judging**            The ZAH Library Committee will select three judges to evaluate the essays on the following basis:

- Content – Original Argument
  - Content – Correctness of Facts / Completeness
  - Analysis & Supporting Research
  - Organization Structure (Transition, Mechanics, Grammar & Citations)
- All references used (including books and internet sites) must be clearly cited in the bibliography.

**Publication**      The ZAH Library reserves the right to publish any or all essays in the media of their choice.

**Honor System**    Entrants shall not receive assistance from others.

