



## **The 2009 Sir John M. Templeton Fellowships Essay Contest**

The Independent Institute is now accepting applications for the 2009 Sir John M. Templeton Fellowships Contest, an international essay competition open to college students and untenured college teachers under 36 years of age. The top three contestants in the two divisions will be awarded cash prizes for outstanding essays on the following topic:

***"Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters."  
--Benjamin Franklin***

***Which virtues contribute the most toward achieving freedom, and how can the institutions of civil society encourage the exercise of those virtues?***

### Student Division

First Prize: \$2,500

Second Prize: \$1,500

Third Prize: \$1,000

### Junior Faculty Division

First Prize: \$10,000

Second Prize: \$5,000

Third Prize: \$1,500

In addition to the cash prizes, winners will receive assistance in getting their articles published and two-year subscriptions to The Independent Review. The deadline is May 1, 2009.

More information about the 2009 Templeton Essay Contest, including guidelines, bibliography, and winning essays from previous years can be found by clicking on the following link: <http://www.independent.org/students/essay/>