

節分の祓 *Setsubun-no-Harae*
Application form

Since ancient times, the Japanese people practiced *Setsubun-no-Harae*, a prayer to purify and to rid themselves of misfortune *yakunan* (illness, accident, injury, fight, etc.) or “bad luck” and *kegare*, or “withered spirit”. Those who’ve missed *Toshikosh-no-Ōharae* may feel their energy is diminished by tiredness, stress, and other pressures, so *Setsubun-no-Harae* rituals are performed the day before the New Year (of the Lunar Calendar) and before the beginning of the new season to cleanse and refresh this energy and recharge the spirit. **Shinto Shrine of Shusse Inari in America provides these traditional services with mystic rituals that have been passed down through generations of the priest’s family.**

One such ritual uses *katashiro*, or *hitogata* (when used for people) on which are written the mystic words, “*Tokusa-no-kamadakara*.” *Hitogata* are slips of paper that are cut into the shape of a person in order to represent the person it is being used for. In the *Setsubun-no-Harae* service, the *hitogata* is thought to carry all of that person’s *kegare*. We also offer this service for pets and vehicles.

[How to use *hitogata*]

1. Cut out *hitogata*, write your name, address and age on the front of *hitogata*.
2. Breathe upon the *hitogata*.
3. Wipe on the body part one wishes to improve or renew with the *hitogata*.
For example, one suffering from knee pain would wipe the *hitogata* on their knee, or, if they wish to be smarter, on their head.
4. Complete the application form and select the package plan (please refer to release on our website).
5. Prepare donation service fee.

Check: Payable to Shinto Shrine of Shusse Inari in America

PayPal:



please include the PayPal’s transaction fee.

6. Mail (**to arrive before January 30th**) to Shrine Office. The Shrine Office address information is on the Package Plan release.

We will hold the *Setsubun-no-Harae* service on February 2nd with your *hitogata* and notify you after completion of the service. We will then ship any requested packages.

祝詞で読み上げますのでハッキリとお書き下さい

Please print clearly as we will read them during the service.

Name (first, last) お名前 (ふりがな) :

Address ご住所 :

Date of birth (yyyy/mm/dd) 生年月日 & Age 年齢 :

E-mail address メールアドレス :

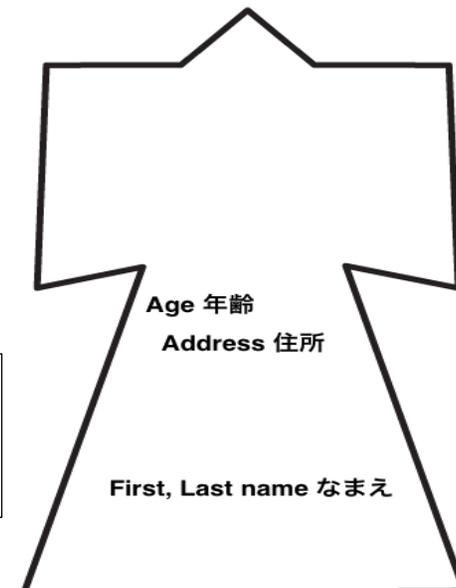
Package plan (Please circle) ご祈祷プラン (丸で囲んで下さい) :
Hitogata / Kitsune / Inari / Family

Please indicate if it is OK for your name to be read aloud in the service, as the service may be posted on YouTube. ご祈祷中にお名前を声に出して読み上げて良いですか? (ご祈祷はネット公開される場合があります) :

Yes!! No

人形 (ひとがた)
Hitogata

The information you provide will only ever be used for services and information used by the Shrine.



Age 年齢

Address 住所

First, Last name なまえ