

**PLAYER APPLICATION
WINTER COURT 5**

This application is for those wishing to participate in Winter Court 5 as a player. To submit your application, please fill out this form and email it to applications@winter-court.com, with your name and the words "WC5 Player Application" in the subject line. All questions in this application are required; if a question does not apply to you, please put "N/A" in the relevant answer field.

If you need more information about Winter Court 5 to assist with filling out your application, please visit our forums at www.winter-court.com.

1. Would you please state your full name?

2. What email address should we use to contact you?

3. What timezone/region are you located in?

4. How much time per day will you be able to devote to Winter Court activities? Please note that we would like players to be able to devote at least two (2) hours per day to Winter Court, and that we anticipate the event running from early December through early February, with time in November for players to be able to build characters and get comfortable.

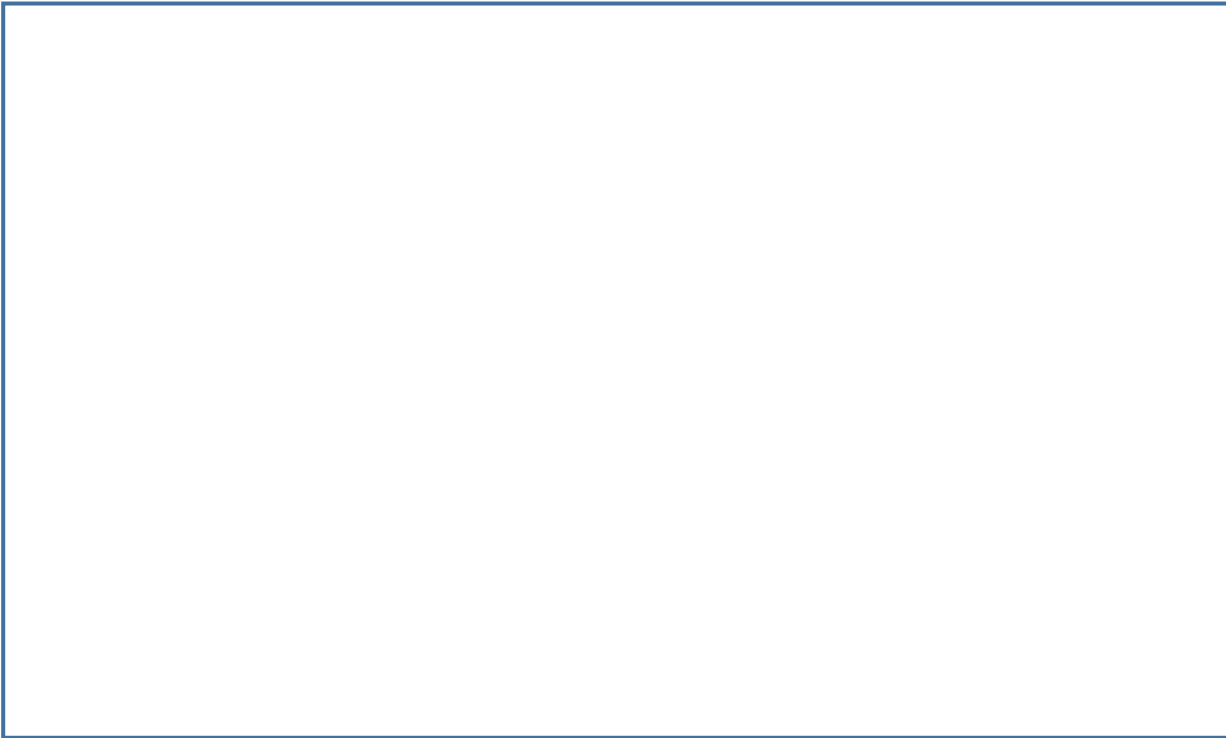
5. Do you participate in any *Legend of the Five Rings* related forums? If so, please list those that apply.

6. Have you participated in any of the previous Winter Court play-by-post games? If so, please list your level of participation in each one. Please be specific.

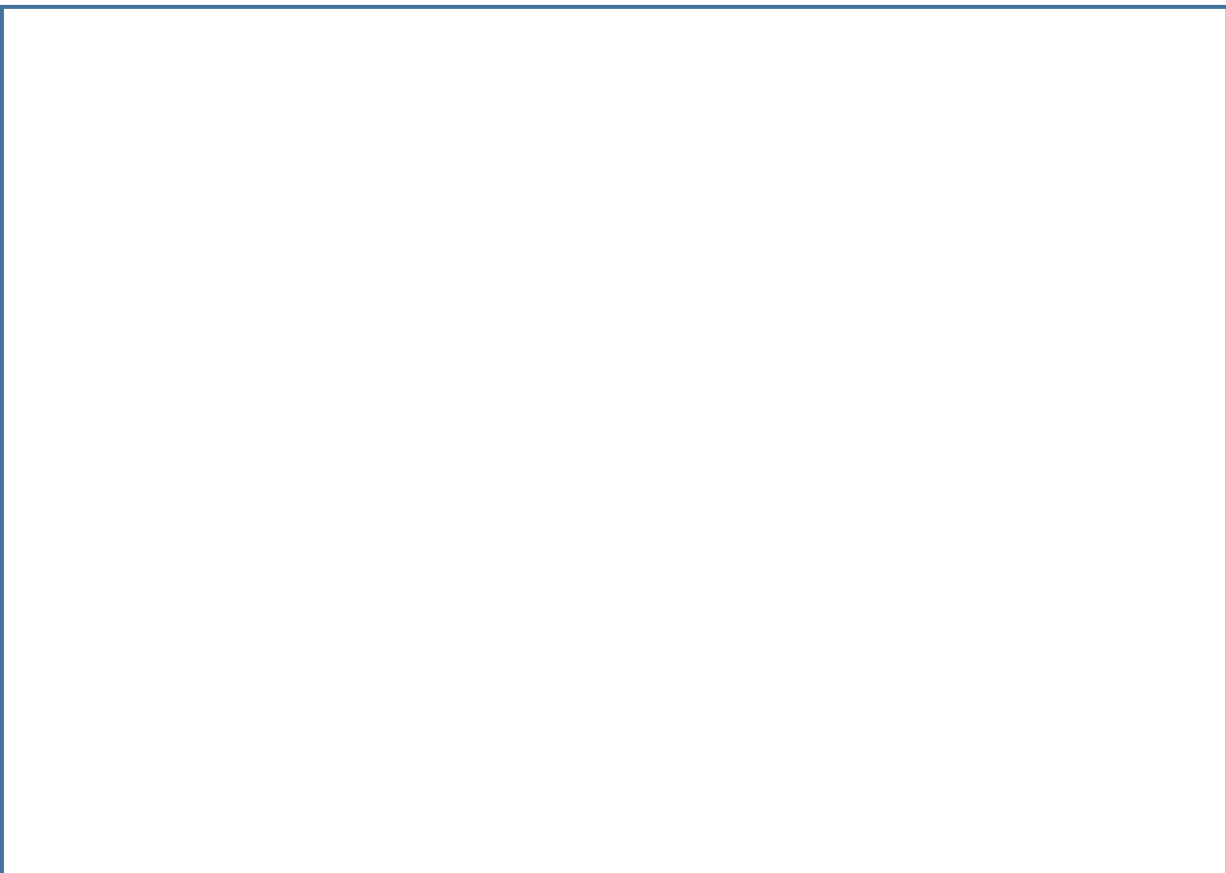
7. Have you participated in any other large play-by-post Legend of the Five Rings games or in any of the living Legend of the Five Rings campaigns? If so, please list your level of participation (Please be specific).

8. Have you participated in online tabletop games before (play-by-post or otherwise)?

9. What is your level of experience with the *Legend of the Five Rings* RPG?



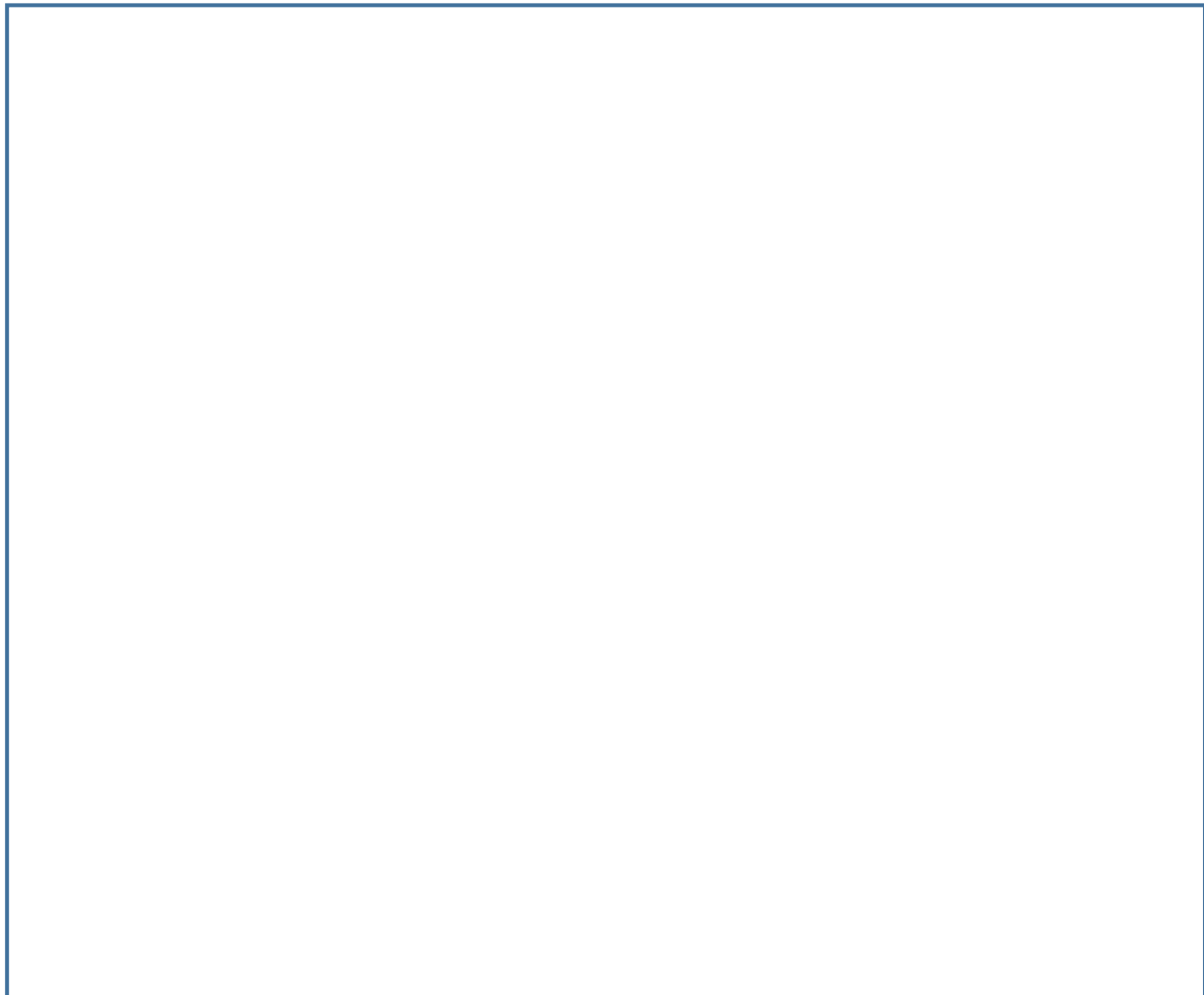
10. List any other RPG (tabletop or otherwise) experience you feel the application review team should know.



11. Which *Legend of the Five Rings* Clan(s) or Faction(s), past or present, do you self-identify with?



12. Would you prefer to play a homebrew character, or a canon Personality? If the latter, do you have a preference for the character's gender?



13. Please list your top three (3) choices, in order of preference, that you would like to play in for Winter Court 5.

While making your choices, please be aware of the following:

- Winter Court 5 uses the canon story and lore as a base to tell its story, albeit some facts may have been changed – see our history documents for more information.
- While the option to play as a character loyal to Daigotsu Kanpeki is an available option in the list of Clans and Factions available for Winter Court 5, any players who are chosen to play as members of that Faction should be aware that Winter Court 5 is an advanced play-style and that all actions of their characters will have the proper consequences, and that all other characters of all other Clans and Factions will be allowed to respond in-character as appropriate to their Clan’s or Faction’s viewpoints.
- The Colonial Mantis are the faction of Mantis residing in the Colonies, swearing allegiance to the Warlord Arashi.
- Nativist Mantis are the Mantis who follow Yoritomo Ichido and the Iweko Dynasty.
- Scorpion Loyalists swear fealty to the Onyx Empire, whereas the Scorpion Traitors are the faction that were exiled to the Burning Sands (but are still Scorpion!).
- The Emerald Spider are the Spider Clan who follow Susumu Shibatsu, while the Onyx Spider are those who swear their oaths to Daigotsu Kanpeki.
- Those wishing to play a member of a Minor Clan may be surprised to see only a generic listing in the list of choices; the specific Clan will be determined later. The Clans available are all of the Minor Clans presented in the core *Legend of the Five Rings Roleplaying Game* rulebook, except for the Snake and the Falcon.

First Clan/Faction Preference:

Second Clan/Faction Preference:

Third Clan/Faction Preference:

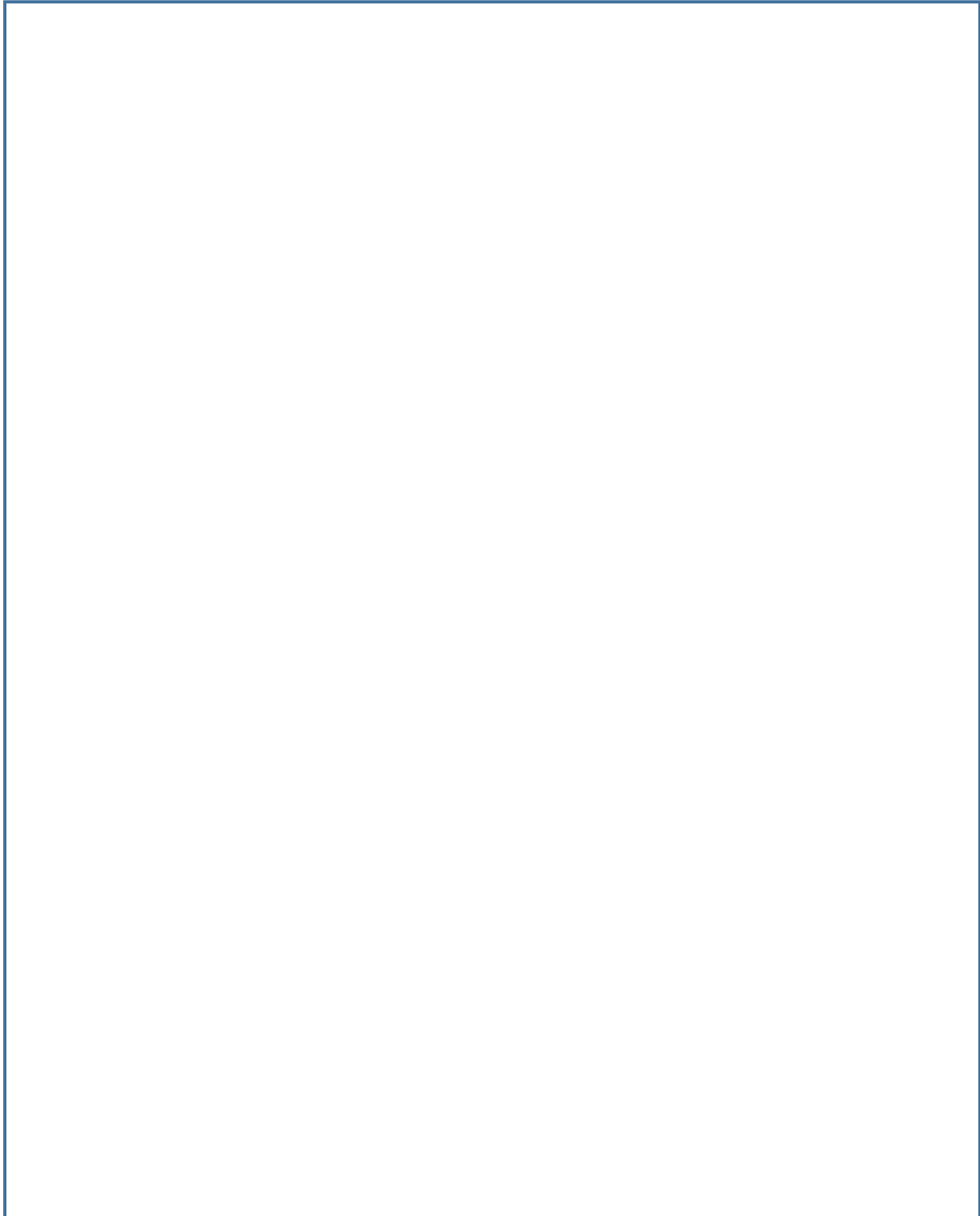
For the next set of questions, please read the following scenario and then answer the questions based on the information presented in the scenario.

Scenario: You are in the role of Kakita Hanzo (Honor 7, Status 3). You are a very skilled duelist and possess one of the famed Kakita blades. You are in the village outside of your host’s castle enjoying a bowl of noodles when a child approaches you and rather boldly at that. The boy calls out to you:

“My father says you make inferior weapons.”

The child is Gyushi Tetsuya (Age 7, NPC). His father is further down the street, a Shugenja named Gyushi Hattori of the Spider Clan loyal to the Emperor's brother. Hattori (Status 3) has personally had friendly relations with a few of your fellow clansmen this season (as far as you know) and is in negotiations to trade rice for Crane iron. Hattori browses and admires one merchant's collection of ceramics and does not seem to notice his son is speaking with you.

14. How do you respond to the kid's statement?

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin blue border, intended for the user to write their response to the question above.

For the next set of questions, please read the following scenario and then answer the questions based on the information presented in the scenario.

Scenario: You are playing the role of Kitsuki Segata (Honor 4, Status 4), a Kitsuki Investigator. You are hot on the trail of an assassin that has poisoned and killed a prominent Otomo bureaucrat. Through your brilliance and sleuthing, you suspect that the killer may be the castle stable boy whom you typically see grooming the horses at this hour each night. The young man is bigger and stronger than you, and you cannot gauge his willingness to resist arrest. You want muscle to back you up and quickly before he catches on to you and escapes justice. You are in the castle gardens seeking what aid you can and find Yoritomo Sanshiro, another PC who has shown great skill in kata demonstrations this season. You initiate conversation in hopes of persuading him to join you. However, another player suddenly posts the following message:

Pastels exploded into a storm of colorful petals. The sound of ceramic shattering against stone was like thunder. The sweet fragrance of a perfectly fine sake steamed upward. whatever abstract ikebana display that had been, part of the aftermath dampened the clothes of the great detective Kitsuki Segata, granting him an equally fragrant scent of rice wine. Sitting flat on the same ground of the broken vessel, torn flowers and wasted sake, a young woman in Phoenix colors stared dumbstruck at her faux pa. She grimaced, holding back her panic, but had no words to release.

The Phoenix woman is Shiba Haruhi (Status 1), an artisan and player character whom you have seen but never met.

15. What is your in-character response to this scenario?

16. Now suppose Yoritomo Sanshiro responds before you. He begins to help Haruhi with her mess, picking up broken slivers of pottery and mildly flirting with her while joking about the plight of your newly soaked garments. What do you post then?

For the next set of questions, please read the following scenario and then answer the questions based on the information presented in the scenario.

Scenario: You are in the role of Bayushi Kambei (Status 2). A fellow Scorpion by the name of Bayushi Metagami (Status 3) secrets you a letter with the following correspondence in a private message that does not CC any of the GM staff:

Kambei-san,

I hope this letter finds you well. We will have need your skills. The maple by Benten's shrine will need pruning before the winter is out, preferably before the next full moon. There is a Crane who prays there each night and we will need to procure the red fan printed with a camellia she carries one way or another. See that this is done.

-M-chan

Metagami's player has been making bold statements in the private embassy threads about having a capable network of spies. This is in spite of that player having little to no correspondence with the GMs or any of their NPCs. You do note that there are several threads started by an Asahina Ryuko at the shrine, but all such threads are marked "Private" with no other Scorpion players posting there. Also, at no point have you even heard rumors of a red fan marked with a camellia... except on those very threads where Ryuko has been using it as a focus in some sort of commune ritual with the Fortunes.

17. What steps do you take, both in-character and out-of-character, to respond to this situation?

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin blue border, intended for the user to write their response to the question above. The box occupies most of the page below the question.

For the next set of questions, please read the following scenario and then answer the questions based on the information presented in the scenario.

Scenario: You are in the role of Akodo Katsuhiro. A player, Ide Ayeka, approaches you with a private message stating that the player of Ikoma Miyabi has been approaching them with some rather lurid questions about their personal life. Katsuhiro has a much higher status than Miyabi in-character and Ayeka's player appears to be looking to you for guidance but also wants to resolve this without including the involvement of a GM. As far as you can tell, nothing appears to be happening between the two that does not seem questionable on the forums.

18. How do you respond to Ayeka's player as well as give any information about what additional actions you take?