

Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest

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Sponsor: Rand Institute, Ayn (ARI)

Amount: Upper \$ 10,000 USD Lower \$ 50 USD

The first prize winner will receive \$10,000. Each of the three second prize winners will receive \$2,000. Each of the five third prize winners will receive \$1,000. Each of the 25 finalists will receive \$100. Each of the 50 semifinalists will receive \$50. Contest winners agree to allow the Ayn Rand Institute to post their names on any of ARI's affiliated websites. The winning first place essay may be posted in its entirety on any of these websites with full credit given to the author. Winners will be solely responsible for any federal, state or local taxes.

Date	What's Due	Notes
23 Oct 2015 Anticipated Application	Sponsor deadline - required	

Topics:

Select ONE of the following three topics:

1. At his trial, Hank Rearden declares: "The public good be damned, I will have no part of it!" What does he mean? How does this issue relate to the novel's theme?
2. Who is John Galt?
3. What is the meaning of money to Francisco d'Anconia? To James Taggart? How do these characters' views on money relate to the events of the story?

Requirements: Graduate Student/Undergraduate Student

Citizenship or Residency: Unrestricted

Activity location: Unrestricted

Abstract:

This essay contest invites student essays that demonstrate an outstanding grasp of the philosophic meaning of *Atlas Shrugged*. The entrant must select one of the following three topics:

1. In the novel, James Taggart's... [more »](#)

Eligibility:

The Contest is open to students worldwide, except where void or prohibited by law. Entrant must be a 12th Grader, **College Undergraduate**, or **Graduate Student**. One entry is permitted per student.

To enter, submit your essay online: <http://essaycontest.aynrandnovels.com/AtlasShrugged.aspx?theme=blue>

Or

Mail your essay with stapled cover sheet to:
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The Ayn Rand Institute
P.O. Box 57044
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