

# Financial Aid Highlights

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## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Essay Contest on Ayn Rand's Novel "Atlas Shrugged" - FAH (Vol. 9, No. 16)

For College Students and Graduating High School Seniors

Entry Deadline: *September 17, 2008*

First Prize:	\$10,000 Cash Award
3 Second Prizes:	\$2,000 Cash Award
5 Third Prizes:	\$1,000 Cash Award
20 Finalist Prizes:	\$100 Cash Award
20 Semifinalist Prizes:	\$50 Cash Award

### ATLAS SHRUGGED Essay Contest Questions 2008

Select ONE of the following three topics:

1. Why do Dagny and Rearden oppose the strikers in action?
2. Explain Ragnar Danneskjöld's statement that Robin Hood is the one man he is out to destroy. What is the deeper moral meaning of his claim'?
3. For each of the following three passages from *Atlas Shrugged*, explain, in a single, unified essay, its meaning and its relation to the story and theme of the novel.
  - a) Gait: "In any compromise between good and evil, it is only evil that can profit. In that transfusion of blood which drains the good to feed the evil, the compromiser is the transmitting rubber tube." Part Three, Chapter VII
  - b) Dagny: "We never had to take any of it seriously, did we?"  
Gait: "No, we never had to." Part Three, Chapter I
  - c) Francisco: "You have a great deal of courage, Dagny. Some day, you'll have enough of it." Part One, Chapter V

### ATLAS SHRUGGED—JUDGING

Essays will be judged on both style and content. Judges will look for writing that is clear, articulate and logically organized. Winning essays must demonstrate an outstanding grasp of the philosophic meaning of Atlas Shrugged.

### ATLAS SHRUGGED—RULES

- Entrant must be entering or enrolled in a college degree program at the time of entry. Part-time students are eligible.
- High school students graduating in 2008 are eligible.
- Contest is open to students worldwide.
- A stapled cover sheet MUST include: name and address of entrant; entrant's e-mail address (if available); name and address of entrant's university or college; topic selected (1, 2 or 3 from list at left); and entrant's declared major.
- Essay must be no fewer than 800 and no more than 1,600 words in length, and must be typewritten and double-spaced. One entry per student, please.
- Essay must be solely the work of the entrant.
- Essay must be postmarked no later than September 17, 2008.

- Employees of the Ayn Rand Institute, its board of directors and their immediate family members are not eligible for this contest. Past first-place winners of the Atlas Shrugged essay contest are not eligible for this contest.
- All entries become the property of the Ayn Rand Institute and will not be returned.
- Winners and other participants will be notified by November 27, 2008.

### ATLAS SHRUGGED—TO ENTER

Go to [www.aynrandnovels.com/contests](http://www.aynrandnovels.com/contests)

Or mail your essay with stapled cover sheet to:

Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest  
The Ayn Rand Institute  
P.O. Box 57044  
Irvine, CA 92619-7044

If you wish to verify receipt of your essay, please paperclip a stamped, self-addressed postcard to the essay. If you submit your essay online, they will send you an e-mail reply acknowledging receipt of your entry.

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