**The Atlas Society**

**Graduate Scholarships Application 2014-15**

The Atlas Society (TAS) is offering a limited number of scholarships for graduate students in philosophy and closely related fields (such as history, political theory, psychology, and cognitive science) for the 2014–2015 academic year (September-August). These scholarships are intended for well-qualified students who have a long-term scholarly interest in Ayn Rand and Objectivism and who have the potential to contribute to the understanding of these subjects. The scholarships’ purpose is to enable students to rapidly finish their degrees by alleviating the financial need to take time from their studies to teach or work. Students are assessed separately on their academic merit and their specialized knowledge of Rand and Objectivism.

**Terms**

1. The amount of the scholarship will be determined by program costs and the projected impact of the award. Scholarships will normally not exceed $11,000 in living expenses and/or tuition/matriculation fees per academic year. Usually, the scholarship awards are paid out over four quarterly installments.

 2. Applications are reviewed by a committee consisting of TAS Staff and respected professional scholars.

 3. Scholarships may be renewed annually after a review of progress by the review committee.

4. For each year a candidate receives funds from TAS, he or she must:

a) Meet at least once each semester (in person or by phone) with TAS staff to discuss his or her progress.

b) Submit a written progress report on November 1 and March 1, and an annual report of progress on August 1.

c) Regularly attend TAS’s monthly on line Research Workshop and attend TAS’s annual Graduate Seminar or other advanced study opportunity.

5. It is hoped that candidates will not take on teaching obligations or other work obligations that detract substantially from their study, research, and writing during the academic year of their award.

6. The Atlas Society places no restrictions on research topic or areas of study within the student’s program. However, topics that have the potential to contribute to the study and development of Objectivism will be viewed favorably.

**The deadline for applications is March 1, 2014** Applicants can expect to be informed of the review committee’s decisions by April 1, 2014. The first awards will be paid out on or around August 15.

**To Apply:**

* Provide a general proposal stating your name, addresses, phone numbers, age, and the amount of the scholarship for which you are applying. This letter should summarize your relevant educational and other background. It should also state your long-term and professional goals. And it should explain what practical, financial impact the scholarship would have on your ability to make progress toward your degree. A budget is often helpful in this regard.
* Provide a transcript from your current or most recent program of study.
* Provide your GRE scores or other comparable standardized test scores, if any.
* Provide two letters of reference. If you are currently enrolled in the program for which you are seeking scholarship support, one of the letters must come from a faculty member in that program.
* Provide a summary of your previous involvement with the Objectivist movement and study of Objectivist courses or writings.
* Provide a 10-30 page academic essay on a substantive topic in your field.
* Provide an essay of 5-30 pages on or applying Objectivist ideas at any level from the popular to the scholarly. Address or apply ideas that are distinctive to Objectivism. If you do not have such an essay already prepared and are not sure how to proceed, The Atlas Society can provide topic suggestions.

**Send all application materials to (electronic submission preferred):**

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