

The Objectivist Center

Graduate Scholarships Application

The Objectivist Center is offering one or more scholarships for graduate students in philosophy and closely related fields for the 2005-2006 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 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.

Terms

1. The amount of the scholarship will be determined by program costs and individual need. Scholarships will normally not exceed \$11,000 in living expenses and tuition/matriculation fees per academic year.
2. Applications are reviewed by a committee consisting of TOC 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 the Center, he or she must:
 - a) Meet at least once each semester (in person or by phone) with Center 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) Attend at least one TOC seminar for advanced students as approved by the TOC members of the review committee.
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 Center 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, 2005. Applicants can expect to be informed of the review committee's decisions by March 28, 2005. The first awards will be paid out in August.

To Apply:

- Provide a cover letter 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 explain your needs in seeking scholarship support.
- 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, one of which must come from a faculty member in the program for which you are seeking scholarship support.
- 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.

Send all application materials to:

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