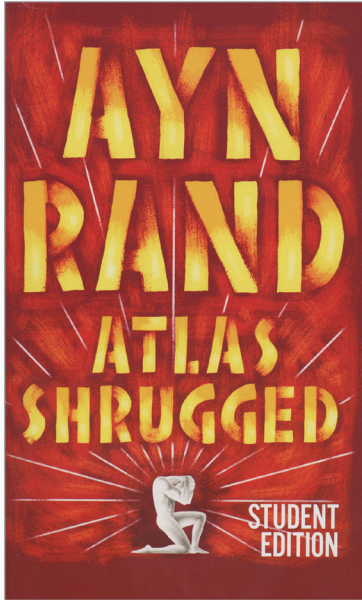


# 2018 ATLAS SHRUGGED ESSAY CONTEST



## FIRST PLACE

- Patrick Mayles, Imperial Beach, CA – Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogota, Colombia

## SECOND PLACE

- Chase Babineaux, Rome, GA – John Marshall Law School, Atlanta, GA
- Jacob Brunton, Fort Worth, TX – Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX
- Emily Hoofnagle, Windermere, FL – University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
- Hayden Johnson, Gilmer, TX – Kilgore College, Kilgore, TX
- Aleksandra Skica, Maspeth, NY – Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY

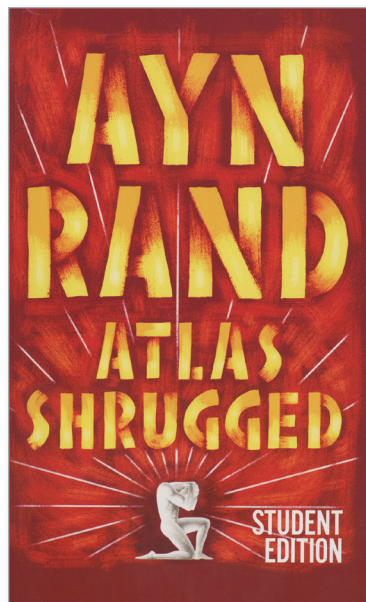
## THIRD PLACE

- Jerilyn Challenger, Tucson, AZ – Penn Foster High School, Scranton, PA
- Gelane Diamond, Corona, CA – California State University, Fullerton, Fullerton, CA
- Thea Fries, Pensacola, MD – Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
- Dawson Galluzzi, South Pasadena, CA – South Pasadena High School, Pasadena, CA
- Nicholas Knapp, Maplewood, MN – University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
- Soleil Letourneau, Lethbridge, Canada – Lethbridge Collegiate Institute, Lethbridge, Canada
- Ashlee Sanders, Valley, AL – Beulah High School, Valley, AL
- Luke Sayers, Clarkston, MI – Baylor University, Waco, TX
- Frankie Spring, Mishawaka, IN – Indiana University South Bend, South Bend, IN
- Maria Vazquez, Houston, TX – Yale University, New Haven, CT

## FINALIST

- Ibrahim Adeniji, Bronx, NY – Columbia University, New York, NY
- Stefan Alexander, Portmore, Jamaica – University of Technology, Kingston, Jamaica
- Mohamed Ali, Jersey City, NJ – University of Rochester, Rochester, NJ
- Elizabeth Allen, Tucson, AZ – University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK
- Torie Anderson, Austell, GA – West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- Nicole Brandt, Holyoke, CO – University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- Stephen Castellanos, Miami Lakes, FL – Florida International University, Miami, FL
- Rachel Coers, Middletown, IN – Taylor University, Upland, IN

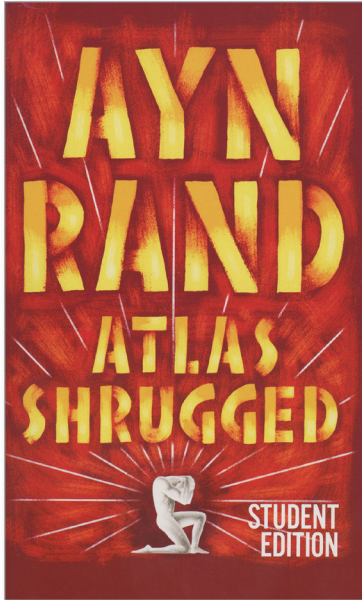
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## FINALIST (continued)

- Anthony Donovan, Jacksonville, FL – Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA
- Radu Dumitrescu, Arad, Romania – University of Bucharest, Faculty of Political Science, Bucharest, Romania
- Jacob Fisher, Riverton, UT – Brigham Young University-Provo, Provo, UT
- Bridger Gordon, Whitewood, SD – Sturgis Brown High School, Sturgis, SD
- Lauren Harris, Grandville, MI – Columbia University, New York, NY
- Abigail Jackson, Spotsylvania, VA – Riverbend High School, Fredericksburg, VA
- Cecelia Kaeder, Verona, WI – Verona Area High School, Verona, WI
- Joshua Kazdan, Stanford, CA – Stanford University, Stanford, CA
- Korbin Keller, Saint Peters, MO – Truman State University, Kirksville, MO
- Izaan Khan, London, England – The London School of Economics and Political Science, London, England
- Mattie Krop, Berkeley, CA – University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
- Sam Lefkofsky, Winnetka, IL – Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
- Julia Lewandowski, Hammonds Plains, NS – Charles P. Allen High School, Bedford, NS
- Arabelle May, Greenwood, AR – Washington State University-Vancouver, Vancouver, WA
- Kerri-Ann Mew, Kingston, Jamaica – Venezuelan Institute, Kingston, Jamaica
- Zoe Mize, Birmingham, AL – Jefferson State Community College-Shelby, Birmingham, AL
- Zelal Su Mustafaoglu, Ankara, Turkey – TED Ankara College Foundation High School, Ankara, Turkey
- Chaya Sara Oppenheim, Monsey, NY – Columbia University/Barnard College, New York, NY
- Ekaterina Ossetchkina, Minesing, Canada – University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
- Sin Yeong Park, Fort Lee, NJ – Montclair State University, Upper Montclair, NJ
- Stephanie Pascone, Seminole, FL – University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
- Laura Pinkerton, Arlington, VA – Drexel University-College Nursing/Health, Philadelphia, PA
- Stella Poxon, Oakland, CA – Tilden Preparatory School, Albany, CA
- Diana Reed, Ellicott City, MD – Towson University, Towson, MD
- Max Resnick, Ann Arbor, MI – Community High School, Ann Arbor, MI
- Akshata Rudrapatna, Chandler, AZ – Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH
- Michael Sandstrom, Chadron, NE – Adams State University, Alamosa, CO

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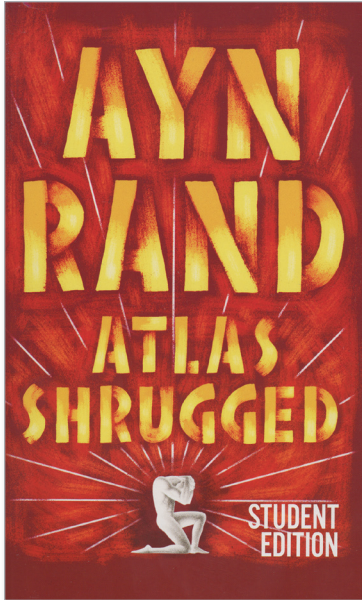
## FINALIST (continued)

- Andrew Schram, Chantilly, VA – Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- Amanda Shoemaker, Waltham, MA – Bentley University, Waltham, MA
- Carys Stogdill, Valrico, FL – Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, FL
- Eric Arjun Tharumalingam, Waterloo, Canada – University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada
- Kenneth Thompson, Greenville, NC – East Carolina University, Greenville, NC
- Samuel Thompson, Seneca, SC – Clemson University, Clemson, SC
- Conner Tomlinson, Pittsboro, NC – Home School, Pittsboro, NC
- Peyton Troutman, Wilmington, NC – JT Hoggard High School, Wilmington, NC
- Tegan Truitt, Lakewood, CO – Grove City College, Grove City, PA
- Amanda Xu, Mountain Lakes, NJ – Mountain Lakes High School, Mountain Lakes, NJ

## SEMIFINALIST

- Christina Agu, Hemet, CA – Western Center Academy, Hemet, CA
- Majda Ahmetasevic, North Bergen, NJ – Borough Manhattan Community College, New York, NY
- Rachel Allen, Boston, MA – Boston University, Boston, MA
- Didi Anofienem, Canoga Park, CA – University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
- Annmarie Arendt, Hemet, CA – Western Center Academy, Hemet, CA
- Alyssa Avalos, San Antonio, TX – Trinity University, San Antonio, TX
- Alexandra Baczynski, Willow Springs, CA – University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- Nikola Basheski, Skopje, Macedonia – University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR
- Natalie Beckerink, Huntsville, AL – Auburn University, Auburn, AL
- Sara Beeksmas, Temple, TX – Homeschool, Temple, TX
- Asher Begley, Charlotte, NC – University of Virginia Darden School of Business, Charlottesville, VA
- Oliver Bennett, London, United Kingdom – King's College London Mathematics School, London, United Kingdom
- Raina Bhagat, Mumbai, India – Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India
- Sarah Bhaskaran, Glendale, CA – University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
- Bethany Bible, Piedmont, AL – Oxford Christian Homeschool, Piedmont, AL

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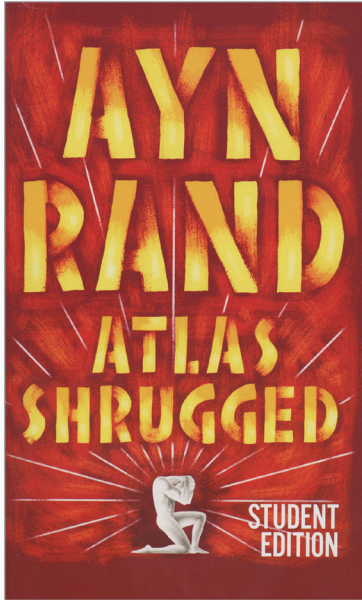


## SEMIFINALIST (continued)

- Christopher Blaxland-Kay, Wokingham, England – University of Reading, Reading, England
- Desiree Blondin-White, South Bruce Peninsula, Canada – York University, Toronto, Canada
- Stephanie Bottomley, San Pedro, CA – Harbor Teacher Prep Academy, Wilmington, CA
- Glen Bourgeois, Cheticamp, NS – Brigham Young University-Idaho, Rexburg, ID
- Andreas Bugler, Lincolnshire, IL – Adlai E. Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, IL
- Ryan Butterfield, McDonough, GA – Lawrence University, Appleton, WI
- Victoria Caballero, Hemet, CA – Western Center Academy, Hemet, CA
- Eunice Callejas, Aurora, CO – Metropolitan State University of Denver, Denver, CO
- Christina Calvin, Alexandria, VA – University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
- Mary Campbell, Wonder Lake, IL – Enlightium Academy, Spokane, WA
- Arkadiy Chapko, Bethesda, MD – Cornell SC Johnson Graduate School of Management, Ithaca, NY
- Kaitlyn Chisholm, Schaumburg, IL – School of The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- Jonathan Clark, West Jordan, UT – Brigham Young University-Provo, Provo, UT
- Hannah Clifford, Hagerstown, MD – Clear Spring High School, Clear Spring, MD
- Jorge Contreras, Woodside, NY – St John’s Law School, Jamaica, NY
- Rachel Cruzan, Edwardsville, IL – University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, Fayetteville, AR
- Christopher Dalov, Davenport, FL – Florida International University-Miami, Miami, FL
- Ishita Das, Kolkata, India – West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, India
- Anna Davidson, Simpsonville, SC – Clemson University, Clemson, SC
- Stevan Davila, Corpus Christi, TX – Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX
- Megan Demeny, Maiden, NC – Maiden High School, Maiden, NC
- Michelle Dimino, Merrick, NY – University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education, Philadelphia, PA
- Mihail Dimitrov, Varna, Bulgaria – University of Economics-Varna, Varna, Bulgaria
- Joseph Doty, Kahoka, MO – Clark County High School, Kahoka, MO
- Cecilia Durci, Brackenridge, PA – Penn State University-New Kensington, New Kensington, PA
- Jackson Dusinberre, Devon, PA – Conestoga High School, Berwyn, PA
- Manik Dutta, Cumming, GA – Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA
- Mackenzie Eberts, Pilot Butte, SK – Greenall High School, Balgonie, SK

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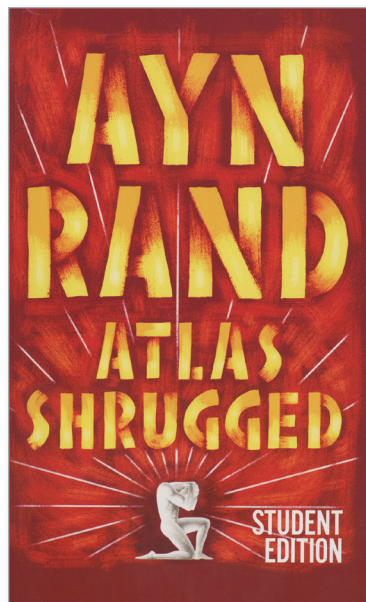




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- Ekaterina Elizarova, Barnaul, Russia – Altai State University, Barnaul, Russia
- Amelia Frederking, Portland, OR – Jesuit High School, Portland, OR
- Emma Furukawa, Salt Lake City, UT – University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT
- Patricia Garduno, Surrey, Canada – Holy Cross Regional High School, Surrey, Canada
- Cassandra Garza, Fairfield, CA – Angelo Rodriguez High School, Fairfield, CA
- Travis Godfrey, Sherwood Park, Canada – Mansfield College, University of Oxford, Oxford, England
- Anna Goga, Moscow, Russia – Harvard Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, MA
- Chelsey Grasso, Brighton, MA – University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA
- Alexandra Gross, Calgary, Canada – Mount Royal University, Calgary, Canada
- Trevor Gruetzner, Elgin, TX – Elgin High School, Elgin, TX
- Gabriella Gunter, Cason, TX – Mercy in Action College of Midwifery, Boise, ID
- Charles Hanson, Edmonton, Canada – University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada
- Drew Harnett-Hargrove, Alexander, NC – Asheville-Buncombe Tech Community College, Asheville, NC
- Charles Harris, Alamogordo, NM – Alamogordo High School, Alamogordo, NM
- Evelyn Hayes, Toronto, Canada – University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
- Dylan Heitman, Kent, WA – Kentwood High School, Covington, WA
- Yarden Henn, Tarzana, CA – deToledo High School, West Hills, CA
- Christian Hennig, New Ulm, MN – Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School, New Ulm, MN
- Kelly Herold, Hartville, OH – University of Mount Union, Alliance, OH
- Garrett Hollembeak, Middletown, OH – Kettering College, Dayton, OH
- Stephanie Hong, Greer, SC – Clemson University, Clemson, SC
- Rachel Houldridge, Monrovia, CA – Brigham Young University-Provo, Provo, UT
- Knight Hrehor, Ava, MO – Home Educated, Ava, MO
- Greg Humphries, New York, NY – Columbia University, New York, NY
- Nikolle Hurshman, Camarillo, CA – Adolfo Camarillo High School, Camarillo, CA
- Bonnie Ingram, Cedartown, GA – Ingram Homeschool, Cedartown, GA
- Matthew Jarosiewicz, Chicago, IL – Lane Technical College Prep High School, Chicago, IL
- Emily Johnson, Hemet, CA – Western Center Academy, Hemet, CA
- Phaedra Joyce, Lindenwold, NJ – DevMountain, Phoenix, AZ
- Gabriela Juniewicz, North Haledon, NJ – Villanova University, Villanova, PA

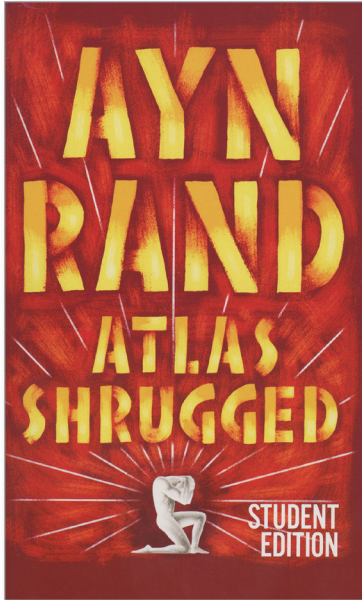
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- Meera Karkar, San Antonio, TX – University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
- Louis Kavaratzis, West Palm Beach, FL – Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA
- Michael Kewming, Dutton Park, Australia – The University of Queensland, St. Lucia, Australia
- Chance Krawchuk, Lowell, AR – Springdale High School, Springdale, AR
- Jose Kropp, Wellington, FL – University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- Jack Lagrone, Greenwood, SC – University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
- Serhii Lashyn, Kharkiv, Ukraine – Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, Kharkiv, Ukraine
- Eryn Laurin, Abbotsford, Canada – University of The Fraser Valley, Abbotsford, Canada
- Robert Lee, Durango, CO – Prescott College, Prescott, AZ
- Jack Lennon, Chicago, IL – Argosy University-Chicago, Chicago, IL
- Christopher Leonard, Hutto, TX – American Military University, Charles Town, WV
- Annie Lewkowicz, Valencia, Spain – University of Philosophical Research, Los Angeles, CA
- Matthew Long, Gorey, Ireland – Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland
- Corey Luna, Davis, CA – University of California-Davis, Davis, CA
- Mikayla Maddison, Tampa, FL – University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- Emily Maddox, Orlando, FL – University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
- Samantha Mairson, Syracuse, NY – Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
- Matthew Malone, Grimsby, Canada – McGill University, Montreal, Canada
- Vinay Malut, Palm Beach Gardens, FL – Palm Beach Gardens High School, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
- Luca Manfredi, Montreal, Canada – Université De Montréal, Montreal, Canada
- Thulasie Manoharan, Saskatoon, Canada – University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada
- Aaliyah Maris, Charlotte, MI – Charlotte High School, Charlotte, MI
- Isabella Martinez, Hemet, CA – Western Center Academy, Hemet, CA
- Braeden Mathur, Buffalo, NY – SUNY Buffalo, Buffalo, NY
- Salvatore Mattera, Seattle, WA – University of Washington-Seattle, Seattle, WA
- Elaine McClain-Rowe, Elizabethtown, PA – High Point University, High Point, NC
- David McGovern, Miami, Australia – The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
- Justin Menard, Cypress, TX – Cypress Ranch High School, Cypress, TX
- Hunter Meyer, Hemet, CA – Western Center Academy, Hemet, CA
- Emilee Mogg, Lloydminster, Canada – Lloydminster Comprehensive High School, Lloydminster, Canada

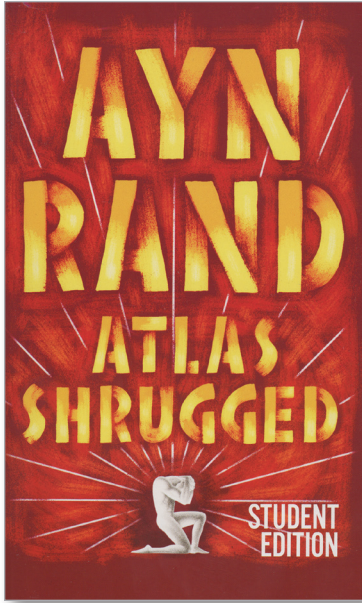
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- Maya Mojica, Melbourne Beach, FL – Melbourne High School, Melbourne, FL
- Cameron Morales, Orland Park, IL – DePaul University-Loop Campus, Chicago, IL
- Gealber Morales, Matanzas, Cuba – University of Havana, Havana, Cuba
- Audrey Muller, Apache Junction, AZ – Imagine Prep-Superstition, Apache Junction, AZ
- Rachel Nelson, Reno, NV – Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- Rosetta Ngugi, Towson, MD – Towson University, Towson, MD
- Andrew Nicholas, Annandale, VA – Columbia University, New York, NY
- Roland Neelidjah Okili Toure Mata, Union City, NJ – Borough of Manhattan Community College, New York, NY
- Lili Oland, Tucson, AZ – Pusch Ridge Christian Academy, Tucson, AZ
- Daniel Ollerton, Hemet, CA – Western Center Academy, Hemet, CA
- Ashley Owens, Glenelg, MD – University of Houston, Houston, TX
- Farida Oyewale, Saskatoon, Canada – University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada
- Tanner Packham, Hemet, CA – Western Center Academy, Hemet, CA
- Sarah Pecora, West Palm Beach, FL – John I. Leonard High School, Greenacres, FL
- McKayla Pender, Stafford, VA – Brooke Point High School, Stafford, VA
- Kate Petty, Durango, CO – University of Denver, Denver, CO
- Beth Pink, Peterborough, Canada – Yorkville University, Fredericton, Canada
- Karinna Piwek, Milwaukee, WI – Rufus King International High School, Milwaukee, WI
- Ashley Quinto, Livingston, MT – Homeschool, Livingston, MT
- Timothy Quirus, Studio City, CA – University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
- Jesse Ramsdell, Apopka, FL – George Washington University-DC, Washington, DC
- Katherine Roney, Fremont, CA – Washington High School, Fremont, CA
- Irina Ryabikina, Orlando, FL – Rollins College, Winter Park, FL
- Binyamin Salzano, Loveland, CO – Front Range Community College, Westminster, CO
- Sheyenne Sandstrom, Chadron, NE – University of Nebraska Kearney, Kearney, NE
- Victoria Sanford, Weston, FL – Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- Melissa Sarnowski, Neenah, WI – University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI
- Akshay Saxena, Jaipur, India – Devrishi Public School, Jaipur, India
- Rachael Schiel, Provo, UT – Chapman University-Orange, Orange, CA
- James Schlavin, Albuquerque, NM – University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Albuquerque, NM

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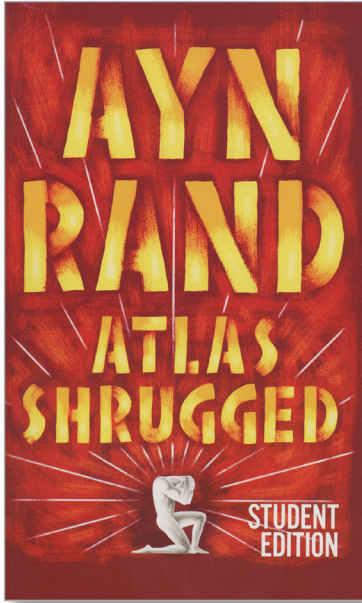


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- Chana Schochet, Providence, RI – Providence Hebrew Day School, Providence, RI
- Abbygail Schwendel, Allen, TX – University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
- Paxton Scott, Durango, CO – Durango High School, Durango, CO
- Evan Sembell, Springfield, IL – Ball State University, Muncie, IN
- Mathias Senger, Aarhus, Denmark – Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark
- Celeste Serrano, Grand Prairie, TX – University of North Texas, Denton, TX
- Daniel Seymour, Albuquerque, NM – University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
- Atanah Shannon, Tijeras, NM - New M – East Mountain High School, Sandia Park, NM
- Fatima Sheikh, St. Catharines, Canada – Brock University, St. Catharines, Canada
- Mark Simonson, Fargo, ND – North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND
- Paul Skelton, Monroe, WI – University of Wisconsin School of Medicine, Madison, WI
- Brody Skillman, Chandler, AZ – Arizona College Prep-Erie Campus, Chandler, AZ
- Leah Smith, Toronto, ON – Columbia University: Graduate School of Architecture, New York, NY
- Trenton Squires, East Berlin, PA – Bermudian Springs High School, York Springs, PA
- Jacob Starks, Dunwoody, GA – Dunwoody High School, Dunwoody, GA
- Braedon Stouffer, Big Pool, MD – Clear Spring High School, Clear Spring, MD
- Christopher Surro, Los Angeles, CA – University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
- Rory Svoboda, Clarendon Hills, IL – University of Illinois At Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL
- Beverley Sylvester, Duluth, GA – Peachtree Ridge High School, Suwanee, GA
- Abby Thatcher, Kaysville, UT – Brigham Young University-Provo, Provo, UT
- Alexander Thill, Overland Park, KS – Blue Valley Northwest High School, Overland Park, KS
- Chanel Thompson, Lansing, MI – Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
- Xander Tindell, Norman, OK – Norman High School, Norman, OK
- Christian Torsell, Leadville, CO – Loyola University-New Orleans, New Orleans, LA
- Arsin Touman, Santa Barbara, CA – University of California-Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA
- Beninio Tranza, London, England – Free University Berlin, Berlin, Germany
- Jaclyn Van Natta, Missoula, MT – University of Montana School of Law, Missoula, MT
- Ninive Vargas, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon – Columbia University, New York, NY
- Eduardo Vera-Garcia, Winton, CA – University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
- Terra Vigil-Wynn, Honolulu, HI – University of Hawaii-Manoa, Honolulu, HI
- Audrey Wack, Buffalo, NY – Boston University, Boston, MA
- Emily Walfoort, Phoenix, AZ – Paradise Valley Community College, Phoenix, AZ

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## SEMIFINALIST (continued)

- Michael Way, Londonderry, Northern Ireland – Ulster University, Coleraine, Northern Ireland
- Taylor Wikoff, Port Charlotte, FL – Charlotte High School, Punta Gorda, FL
- Mariah Williams, Westport, WA – Regis University-Lowell, Denver, CO
- Thomas Williams, Colorado Springs, CO – Liberty High School, Colorado Springs, CO
- Harmonie Willis, West Bloomfield, MI – Jacobs University Bremen, Bremen, Germany
- Henry Winkler, Myrtle Beach, SC – The Citadel, Charleston, SC
- Brayden Woods, Pepperell, MA – University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
- Danielle York, Chicago, IL – University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- Garrett Zahner, Essex, MD – Eastern Tech High School, Baltimore, MD
- Benjamin Zeisloft, McMurray, PA – Peters Township High School, McMurray, PA

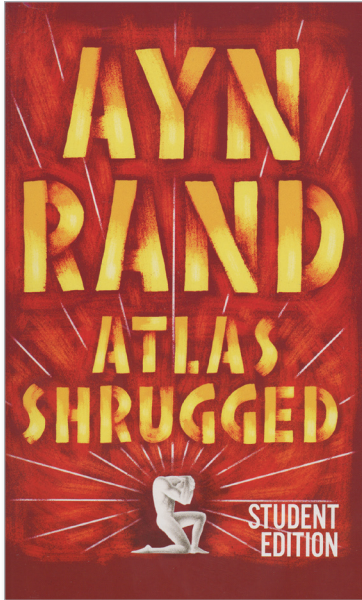
## WINNER, 12TH-GRADE ONLY CONTEST

- Dawson Galluzzi, South Pasadena, CA – South Pasadena High School, Pasadena, CA

## FINALISTS, 12TH-GRADE ONLY CONTEST

- Jerilyn Challenger, Tucson, AZ – Penn Foster High School, Scranton, PA
- Soleil Letourneau, Lethbridge, Canada – Lethbridge Collegiate Institute, Lethbridge, Canada
- Ashlee Sanders, Valley, AL – Beulah High School, Valley, AL

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## WINNER, CALIFORNIA SPECIAL REGIONAL CONTEST

- Gelane Diamond, Corona, CA – California State University, Fullerton, Fullerton, CA

## RUNNERS-UP, CALIFORNIA SPECIAL REGIONAL CONTEST

- Dawson Galluzzi, South Pasadena, CA – South Pasadena High School, Pasadena, CA
- Mattie Krop, Berkeley, CA – University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

## FINALISTS, CALIFORNIA SPECIAL REGIONAL CONTEST

- Sarah Bhaskaran, Glendale, CA – University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
- Stephanie Bottomley, San Pedro, CA – Harbor Teacher Prep Academy, Wilmington, CA
- Anthony Donovan, Jacksonville, FL – Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA
- Cassandra Garza, Fairfield, CA – Angelo Rodriguez High School, Fairfield, CA
- Joshua Kazdan, Stanford, CA – Stanford University, Stanford, CA
- Annie Lewkowicz, Valencia, Spain – University of Philosophical Research, Los Angeles, CA
- Corey Luna, Davis, CA – University of California-Davis, Davis, CA
- Daniel Ollerton, Hemet, CA – Western Center Academy, Hemet, CA
- Stella Poxon, Oakland, CA – Tilden Preparatory School, Albany, CA
- Rachael Schiel, Provo, UT – Chapman University-Orange, Orange, CA

## WINNER, CHICAGOLAND SPECIAL REGIONAL CONTEST

- Frankie Spring, Mishawaka, IN – Indiana University South Bend, South Bend, IN

## FINALISTS, CHICAGOLAND SPECIAL REGIONAL CONTEST

- Nicole Brandt, Holyoke, CO – University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- Rachel Coers, Middletown, IN – Taylor University, Upland, IN
- Cecelia Kaeder, Verona, WI – Verona Area High School, Verona, WI

## WINNER, COLORADO SPECIAL REGIONAL CONTEST

- Michael Sandstrom, Chadron, NE – Adams State University, Alamosa, CO