

# 2010 Sir John M. Templeton Fellowships Essay Contest

## Essay Topic

*"Everyone wants to live at the expense of the state. They forget that the state wants to live at the expense of everyone."*

—Frederic Bastiat (1801–1850)

Assuming Bastiat is correct, what ideas or reforms could be developed to make people better aware that government wants to live at their expense?

**DEADLINE: May 3, 2010**

- *\$26,500 in cash prizes for Templeton Fellowship Winners*
- *Open to current college students and junior faculty*



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## Guidelines for Entries

### Eligibility

College or university students — part-time or full-time, undergraduate or graduate, from all nations and academic disciplines — are eligible. (Student must be enrolled on date of essay submission.) Students must be no older than 35 years.

Junior faculty members — must hold a position of Assistant Professor (or equivalent) or higher, be not yet tenured, and 35 years or younger.

### Length of Entries

College or university students — 1,500 to 5,000 words.

Junior faculty members — 5,000 to 8,000 words.

### Style Guidelines

The judges will look for clarity, rigor, and eloquence. Papers need not be technical or demonstrate hyper-specialized scholarship, although they should be serious in content, tone, and style. Papers may be footnoted, but judges aren't looking for the paper with the most footnotes. All essays must be in English.

### Judging Standards

All identifying information is removed from the essays such that they are judged blindly. Each essay is read and ranked by each of the three academicians who comprise the panel of judges. After each paper has been ranked, the judges' results are combined to determine which papers have the highest ranking.

### Benefits

In addition to the monetary prizes (see other side), the Independent Institute assists with placing the winning essays for publication in prominent journals, on websites, and through other outlets. Winners may also be invited to speak at the Institute's seminar series or another forum. Winners' names are advertised through the Institute's website and in print ads appearing in prominent publications.

### Further Information

The Independent Institute has published a useful reading list on this year's theme. The reading list, entry form, and further information are available on our website: [www.independent.org/essay](http://www.independent.org/essay). You may also write for a copy of the reading list, entry form, and guidelines.

### Entry Deadline and Formats

The deadline for entry is May 3, 2010. All entries must be submitted in electronic format, via email or our website: [www.independent.org/essay](http://www.independent.org/essay).

Winners will be notified in October, 2010. Materials submitted will not be returned. Winning essays become the property of the Independent Institute, which will, however, cooperate fully with the authors in their republication elsewhere.

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