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Undergraduate Philosophy Essay Contest

This is an annual undergraduate essay competition administered by the University of Tennessee Philosophy Department. The rules are as follows:

1. The Contest is open to all undergraduate UT students enrolled, full or part time, at the time of the essay's submission; Contest participants may submit no more than one entry.
2. To be entered into the Contest, essays must be submitted **no earlier than Thursday February 16, 2017 and no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 3, 2017.**
3. Essays are to be submitted to the Philosophy Department Secretary, who will issue a receipt to the contestant verifying submission.
4. Essays on any philosophical topic are eligible for entry.
5. Essays are to be no longer than 3500 words or roughly 14 pages of typescript, excluding endnotes and references.
6. Essays are to be prepared for blind-review; this means that the author's name and contact information should appear only on a cover sheet with the title of the essay; this sheet will be removed and retained by the Department Secretary subsequent to the essays submission and prior to its evaluation by contest judges; the Department Secretary will assign to each essay a number which will be written on the retained cover sheet and on the essay itself.
7. Essays will be judged by an annually rotating panel of three, regular, full-time faculty members of the University of Tennessee Philosophy Department; the identity of the judges will be revealed only when the Contest winners are announced; in no case will more than one judge serve in two consecutive years.
8. Essays will be judged on their philosophical merits, including, but not limited to, clarity of argument and presentation, quality and depth of argument, and philosophical interest and significance of thesis.
9. Judges may award a First, Second and Third Prize, but they need not award all or any prizes if they deem the entries lacking sufficient merit; judges may award no more than three prizes total; further, if one prize is awarded, it must be a First Prize; if two are awarded it may be a First and Second Prize or two co-First Prizes, if three are awarded it may be a First, Second and Third Prize or Two First Prizes and a Second Prize or a First Prize and Two Second Prizes.

10. The total amount of prize money available in any one year is \$500; if there is a First, Second and Third Prize, this shall be divided as follows: \$250/First Prize, \$150/Second Prize, \$100/Third Prize; for all other possibilities, the total Prize money shall be divided among winners consistent with their ranking (e.g., Two First Prizes and a Second Prize = \$200 to each First Prize and \$100 to the Second Prize).

11. Prize winners will be announced in April.

12. Contest results are final once announced.

13. The UT Philosophy Department may ask Contest winners for permission to post their winning essays on the UT Philosophy Department website; The UT Undergraduate Philosophy Club may ask Contest winners to present their papers as part of a Philosophy Club event; Contest winners may decline any such requests.