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Dear Friend,

The Atlas Economic Research Foundation invites you to participate in its Sound Money Essay Contest, which has a deadline of November 24th, 2009. While this invitation may come a bit early, we know that summertime is idyllic for writing for many academics, even as they plan ahead for the fall semester.

The contest is open to students, young faculty, and policy writers who are interested in the cause of sound money. It aims to engage you in thinking about sound money principles with relevance to today's economic challenges.

The overall winner will receive a cash prize of \$5000. Two additional prizes of \$1000 each will be given to outstanding essays written by junior faculty, graduate students, or policy writers. And three additional prizes of \$500 each will be given to outstanding essays written by undergraduate students.

Essay topics include:

- "Money and the Free Society: Can Money Exist Outside of the State?"
- "The Ethical Implications of Monetary Manipulation"
- "Monetary Policy and the Rule of Law in the United States"

To be eligible, you must be a legal resident of the U.S. or engaged as a full-time student or faculty in the U.S. You must also be no more than 35 years old on the date of the contest deadline (November 24, 2009). Atlas welcomes involvement of older and non-U.S. scholars in its discussions and ongoing work on sound money, but this essay contest is targeted to the audience described above.

For a list of reference materials and writing guidelines, please visit the Atlas website:

[www.atlasnetwork.org](http://www.atlasnetwork.org).

You may e-mail your completed essay to [SoundMoneyProject2009@AtlasNetwork.org](mailto:SoundMoneyProject2009@AtlasNetwork.org) on or before November 24, 2009. In your email, you must include your name, mailing address, and the think tank, university, or school that you wish to list as affiliation.

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If you have any questions about the contest or feedback about our larger work on Sound Money, please don't hesitate to contact Priscilla Tacujan at [SoundMoneyProject2009@AtlasNetwork.org](mailto:SoundMoneyProject2009@AtlasNetwork.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alex", with a horizontal line underneath.

Alejandro Chafuen, Ph.D.  
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