



# Member's Essay Award

## Objective

The objective of this award is to encourage authorship by members of the society.

## Award Criteria

- Entrants must be members in good standing of the American Society of Military Comptrollers at the time of submission and selection.
- Essays may not be previously published articles.
- Essays must be written on the current topic for 2012: "The Department of Defense (DoD) faces significant reductions in future obligation authority. Explain and analyze potential courses of action for implementing reductions while maintaining the strength of our military."
- Duo or group authored essays will not be accepted.
- Essays must be original and must not exceed 1,500 words.
- No member will be permitted to be a repeat winner for more than two consecutive years.

## How to Submit an Essay

Essays must be submitted using the web based form at [awards.asmc.org](http://awards.asmc.org). Essays may be submitted by a chapter representative or by the author directly.

## Award Selection Procedures

A selection panel chaired by a member of the National Awards Committee and assisted by the *Armed Forces Comptroller* Editorial Board Chairperson will make recommendations to the Committee. Essays will be judged for material organization (logical interpretation of the subject, adherence to topic), vocabulary and style (phrasing and continuity), grammar, punctuation, spelling, neatness, and adherence to essay competition rules (prepared in the proper format). Winners will receive email notification by 1 May and results will be posted on the ASMC website.

## Recognition

Winners of the Essay Award may have their essays published in the *Armed Forces Comptroller* magazine and/or the ASMC website. Up to three winners will be selected each year from qualified essays. The first place winner receives \$750; second place receives \$500; and third place receives \$250. All winners receive a plaque, which is presented at the ASMC Professional Development Institute (PDI).

## Deadline

All essays must be submitted via the ASMC Awards Online website not later than February 28 to be considered by the selection panel. If February 28 falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the deadline is the next business day. There is no exception to this deadline.

### For More Information

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