

# WOMEN'S WEEK



January 18, 2016

Essay Contest

The Department of Campus Life is hosting an essay contest during Women's Week. This essay will surround the week's theme, *I Am...* The winner of this essay contest will win a \$500 prize and is announced at the Open Mic Night on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 9:00 pm.

**TOPIC:** Gender Identity is the socially constructed concepts of masculinity and femininity; the 'appropriate' qualities accompanying biological sex. This has created barriers of gender roles for what is acceptable and unacceptable for persons of all gender identities. For this essay, please discuss what your gender identity means to you—consider personal experiences growing up, interactions you have daily with individuals around you, and other social identities that might impact your gender identity.

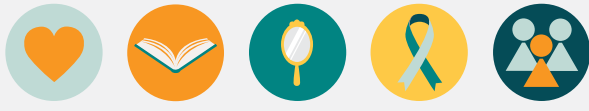
**DEADLINE:** Monday, February 29, 2016 at 5 pm.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?** All students enrolled at Arkansas Tech University.

**FORMAT:** The essay should be no more than 750 words, typed, and double-spaced. Students must submit original work.

**ENTERING:** All entries must be submitted on theLink through a document upload on the Campus Life page under Forms <https://thelink.atu.edu/form/start/86833>.

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## Complete Official Rules Essay Contest

### SECTION I – GENERAL RULES

1. The Department of Campus Life Essay Contest has only one level of competition.
2. Contestants must enter essays via theLink through a document upload on the Student Life page under Forms <https://thelink.atu.edu/form/start/86833>. Contestants must submit original work.
4. Department of Campus Life will have the right to edit, publish or otherwise duplicate any essay entered into the contest without payment to the author.
5. There is no cost to enter the contest.

### SECTION II – QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONTESTANTS

1. The contest is open to all students enrolled at Arkansas Tech University.
2. Contestants may submit only one essay entry to be considered during this contest.

### SECTION III – CONTEST RULES

1. Each contestant should read a copy of the rules and must submit the following information with their essay: full name, mailing address, email address, phone number, and "T" number on theLink. The rules contain information about the contest, judging and awards.
2. Participants must write on the official topic.
3. Essays may be typed and double-spaced.
5. Essays may be no more than 750 words. Every word of the essay is counted. This does not include the title, bibliography, or footnotes.
6. Any quotations or copyrighted material used in the essay must be identified properly. Failure to identify non-original material will result in disqualification.
7. Essays must be written in English.

### SECTION IV – JUDGING

1. Judging will be completed by a panel of qualified judges.
2. In an effort to conceal the identity of each contestant, each entry will be assigned a number. The assigned number will be placed on the title page and first page of the essay. The title page will then be detached and retained. The judges will be given the essay bearing only the assigned number.
3. Judges will not discuss or compare essays being judged until all essays have been judged.
4. Entries will be judged on relevance to the contest theme and also the extent to which they reflect concise use of grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

### Section VI - Awards

The winner of this essay contest will receive a \$500 prize. This contest will have only one winner.

### QUESTIONS?

For further information, contact the Department of Campus Life, by phone at 479.968.0276 or email at [campuslife@atu.edu](mailto:campuslife@atu.edu).