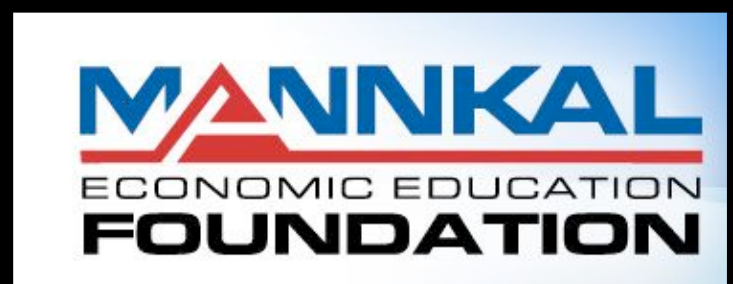
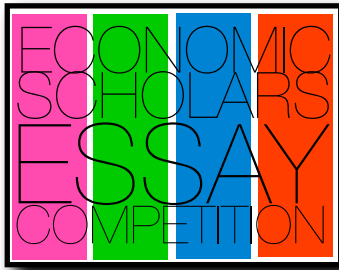


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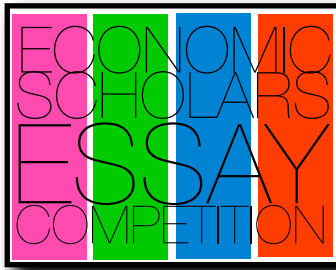


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Mannkal's Mission Statement

We aim to strengthen the free market system in Western Australia and Australia, by promoting ideals of voluntary co-operation, choice, personal rights, limited government, and resourcefulness of individuals. The Mannkal Economic Education Foundation organizes events that allow individuals to exchange ideas defending free markets and we sponsor students for seminars and essay competitions.

Background

Western Australia was settled by pioneers with deeply entrenched beliefs in political freedom. To maintain that freedom in the new colony, our pioneers established important institutions - courts, universities, parliaments, churches a free press and other public and private organizations which they believed were necessary to preserve their way of life.

Since those early days of settlement, the freedom of average citizens to pursue their own ambitions has been dramatically curtailed - primarily through the inordinate growth of government regulation and taxation.

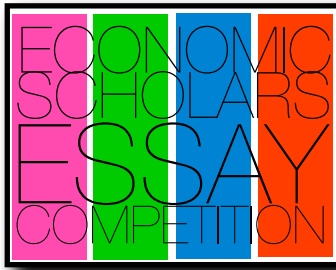
The collapse of the Soviet Union saw socialism as an economic doctrine completely discredited. However, its various social permutations and its central planning devotees are still in existence and are active within many of Australia's educational institutions - including those in Western Australia.

Because national prosperity and other forms of well-being are driven and sustained only by the resourcefulness and creative energies of its citizens, it is essential for Australia's future that these traditions of freedom are rediscovered and re-established.

The Mannkal Economic Education Foundation will employ its resources to assist in the rediscovery and refurbishment of the traditions which form the basis of national prosperity and personal freedoms.

Ron Manners
Chairman





Dear Student,

Thank you for registering for the second annual **ECOMS MANNKAL Economic Scholars Essay Competition**. We hope you use this opportunity to further your own education and take the time to research and deeply examine whichever topic you choose to address.

The Essay Topics outlined in this pack have been chosen for their relevance to our personal, state and national socio-economic identity. These topics allow you to tackle real and immediate issues that demand real solutions.

As the topics are broad and culturally significant, there are many different ways they can be addressed. As such, the judging of this process will be carried out by a panel of judges, to ensure that grading is fair and equitable.

Deadline date for submission of your essay is **4pm, Friday the 17th of July 2009**, at the **Business School Reception**. No late submissions will be accepted.

Whilst we do expect a high standard of written work sufficient enough to warrant awarding of a prize, we do expect that you write at a level that can be enjoyed by your university peers. After all, it is your fellow students who will directly benefit from your in-depth research!

The Prizes for winning essays will be a **\$1000** share of the larger \$20 000 Prize pool. The overall winner of which will receive **\$2000**.

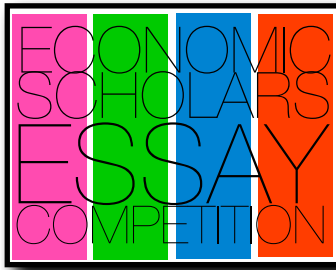
Furthermore, the winning entries will be published in the now annual ECOMS Academic Journal. All winners will receive a copy.

Use this opportunity to do real research that will contribute to the socio-economic growth of Australia. Use your university resources - the Library and the Business School, and of course those of the MannKal Economic Education Foundation!

Good Luck and Happy Writing!

Brad Kerin
ECOMS President 2009





Essay Topics

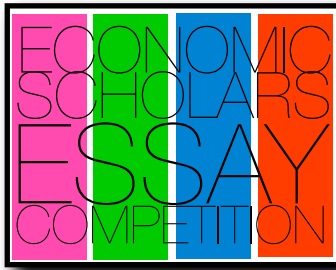
The Topics below are quite broad, so feel free to define it further and make the topic your own. If you have an essay topic that would better serve the mission of this competition, please forward it to us at ECOMS and we will decide on its merit.

However it is strongly recommended that one of the 12 topics below is chosen. Once chosen, please email ecoms@biz.org.au by **4pm, Monday 25th of May 2009** to confirm your topic and finalise participation.

Remember: **Deadline 4pm, Friday 17th of July, 2009**, at the **Business School Reception**. No late submissions will be accepted.

- Health in W.A. (an alternative to government provision)
- Suffocated by Tax (inappropriate taxes)
- Economic Impact Statement to quantify the cost of environmental controls
- Economic Impact of Erosion of Property Rights
- Drowning in Legislation (background paper prepared already)
- Language of Leadership (or lack thereof)
- The Establishment of an Australian Free-Market Economic Hall of Fame
- Intellectuals vs Capitalism (why do intellectuals distrust capitalism?)
- The Study on Sources of Prosperity
- Religion & Economics (friends or enemies?)
- Is the Continued Growth of Government Inevitable?
- Managing State Government Budgets
- Control of internet material by government (Censorship etc)
- Why do we expect Keynesian policies to save us now when they have failed in the past? (Critique of the U.S. bailout plan, and similar from other countries, to rescue the world from the current financial crisis)
- Is our privacy safe? (Privacy invasion issues)





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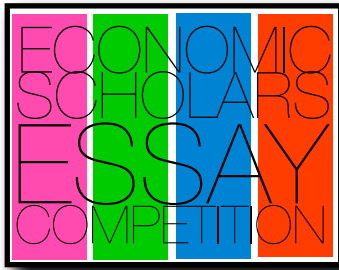
Please adhere to these guidelines when composing your essay.

Deviance from these guidelines will result in your submission not being processed.

As seen on the previous page, the essay topics are quite broad and open to interpretation. The object of this competition is for students to use their own judgement to delve into a subject that they have a passion for. So please interpret the topics as you wish, however the more specific (and relevant to our society) the better.

- **2,500 word limit.**
- **Layout: A4, 1.5 spacing, Arial font.**
- **Paper must include a cover page with name of student, full contact details, date, Essay Topic.**
- **Harvard referencing must be used.**
- **Presentation: Paper must be bound.**
- **Submission details: Two (2) hard copies to be delivered to the UWA Business School Reception by 4pm on Friday, 17th July 2009.**





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Please feel free to contact either organisation for any further information or assistance during the competition.



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