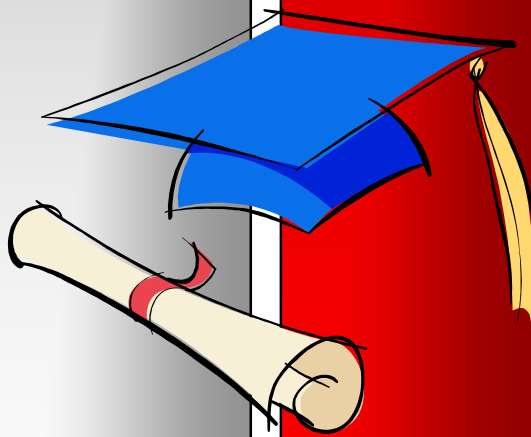
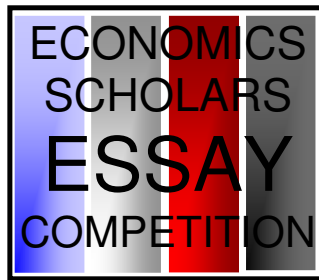


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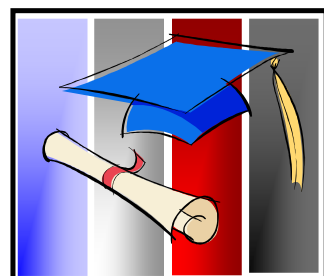


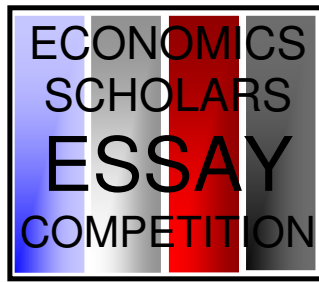
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Mannkal's Mission Statement

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 responsible resourcefulness of individuals. The Mannkal Economic Education Foundation organises events that allow individuals to exchange ideas defending free markets. Further 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.

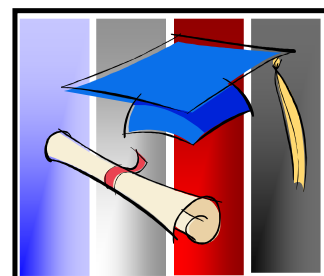
The collapse of the Soviet Union saw socialism as an economic doctrine completely discredited. However, its various social permutations and its central planning devotees are still in existence and are active within many of Australia's educational institutions including those in Western Australia.

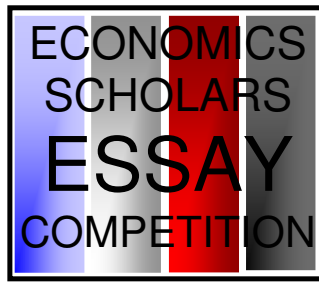
Because national prosperity and other forms of well-being are driven and sustained only by the resourcefulness and creative energies of its citizens, it is essential for Australia's future that these traditions of freedom are rediscovered and re-established.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Manners".

Ron Manners
Chairman





Dear Student,

Thank you for registering for the **2010 ECOMS MANNKAL Economic Scholars Essay Competition**. We hope that this is an opportunity for you to further your own education, and research your chosen topic, which should be something you feel strongly about.

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, a panel of judges, to ensure that grading is fair and equitable, will carry out the judging of this process.

The deadline for submission of your essay is **4pm, Friday 23rd of July 2010**, at the **Business School Reception**. No late submissions will be accepted.

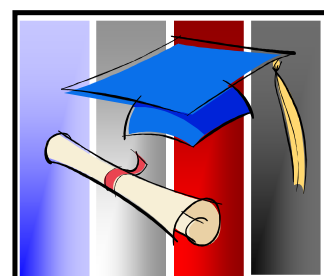
Whilst we do expect a high standard of written work, sufficient to warrant the award of a prize, we do expect that you write at a level that can be enjoyed by your university peers: unnecessary technical language will not be rewarded. After all, it is your fellow students who will directly benefit from your hard work and research!

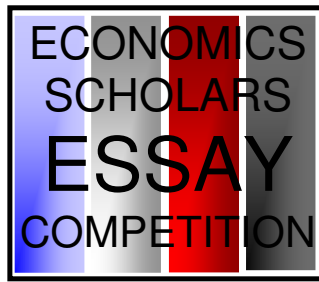
The prizes for winning essays will be a **\$1000** of the larger \$20,000 prize pool. The overall winner will receive **\$2000**.

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 at the Mannkal Economic Education Foundation!

I wish you the best of luck,

Alexander Gregg
2010 ECOMS President





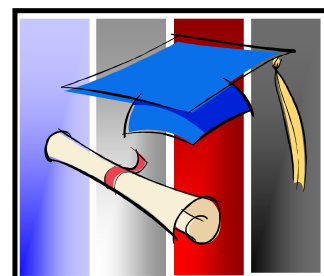
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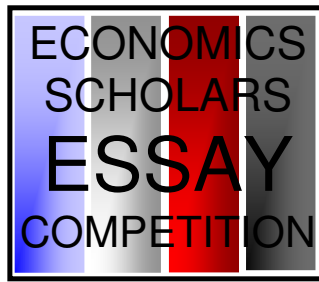
Some of the topics below are quite broad, so feel free to define it further and make the topic your own. If you have an essay topic that would better serve the mission of this competition please forward it to us at ECOMS and we will decide on its merit. However, it is strongly recommended that one of the 12 topics below is chosen.

Once chosen, please email educationvp@ecoms.org.au by **4pm, Monday the 24th of May 2010** to confirm your topic and finalise participation.

Remember: Deadline 4pm, **4pm, Friday 23rd of July 2010** at the Business School Reception. No late submissions will be accepted.

- Perth as a financial centre? (We are in the same time zone as one third of the world's population.)
- Economic Impact Statement to quantify the cost of native title and environmental controls
- Economic impact of erosion of property rights
- 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?)
- Is the continued growth of government inevitable?
- 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. Can we expect more debt to save us from excess debt?
- Is our privacy safe? (Privacy invasion issues)
- What is your response to the following phrase? "As government expands your liberty and prosperity diminish."





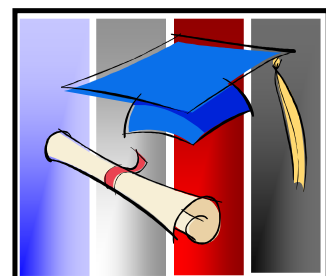
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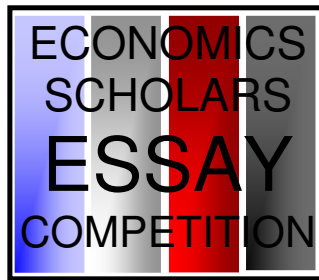
Please adhere to these guidelines when composing your essay.

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. Accordingly, 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 and 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, 23rd July 2010.**





CONTACT DETAILS

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



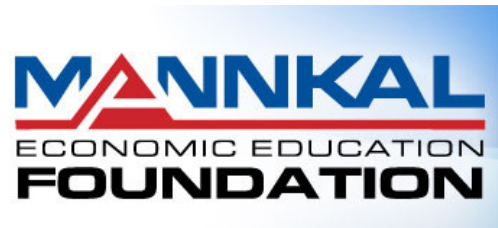
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Thank you for participating and GOOD LUCK!

