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2008 PEF ESSAY CONTEST RULES

Deadline 1 May 2008

All entrants receive a complimentary 1-year membership in the Progressive Economics Forum.

ELIGIBILE ENTRANTS

- Open to all Canadian students, studying in Canada and abroad, as well as international students presently studying in Canada.
- The definition of "student" encompasses full time as well as part time students
- Students eligible for the 2008 competition must have been/be enrolled in a post-secondary educational institution at some point during the period of January 2007 – May 2008.

LEVELS OF COMPETITION

There are two levels of competition

- One for undergraduates
- One for graduates*

**Note: Those who have previously completed an undergraduate degree or graduate degree, and are returning to do a second undergraduate degree will only be considered for the graduate student competition.*

CONTENT OF THE ESSAY

- Entries may be on any subject related to political economy, economic theory or an economic policy issue, which best reflects a critical approach to the functioning, efficiency, social and environmental consequences of unconstrained markets.

ELIGIBLE SUBMISSIONS

Eligible entries will be…

- …postmarked no later than May 1, 2008; no entries will be accepted post deadline
- …the only submission by the author (i.e., one submission per person).
- …between 20-40 pages in length, and typed in 12-point font, double spaced.
- …referenced to academic standards (including any data)
- …written in either English or French
- …original, single-authored essays that do not infringe upon the rights of any third parties
- …accepted on re-submission once
- …accompanied by a completed PEF Essay Contest Submission Form
- …submitted in hard copies (4) to the organizer of the Essay Contest:

  PEF Student Essay Contest,
  c/o Professor Brenda Spotton Visano
  School of Public Policy and Administration
  Ross Building N802
  York University
  4700 Keele St., Toronto Ontario CANADA M3J 1P3

Entrants consent to having the Progressive Economic Forum publish essays from winners and those receiving honourable mention. Each applicant will submit a valid email and postal address for correspondence.

ADJUDICATION

- A panel of judges selected and approved by the Progressive Economic Forum will judge entries.
- Entries will be judged according to the following criteria: substance and originality, writing style, composition, and organization.
- The Progressive Economic Forum reserves the right not to award a prize or any prizes where submissions do not meet contest standards or criteria.

WINNING SUBMISSIONS

- The winning essays will be announced at the Annual General Meeting of the PEF.
- A cash prize of $1,000 will be awarded the winner of the graduate competition; and $500 will be awarded to the winner of the undergraduate competition.
- The winning essays will be published on the PEF website.
- Judges' decisions are final.

To read winning essays from previous competitions, please visit the PEF website:

www.progressive-economics.ca/

Judges in Past Competitions

Fletcher Baragar (University of Manitoba)
Ronald J. Bodkin (distinguished retired Professor, Economics, University of Ottawa)
Barbara Cameron (professor of women's studies at York University)
Bruce Campbell (Executive Director, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives)
Marjorie Cohen (Professor of Political Science, Simon Fraser University)
Arthur Donner (President of Arthur Donner Consultants)
David Foot (author of Boom, Bust and Echo and Professor of Economics, University of Toronto)
Sam Gindin (former Research Director of the Canadian Auto Workers)
Cy Gonick, (Editor, Canadian Dimension)
Rhonda Kimberley-Young (President of the Ontario Secondary Teachers' Federation)
Louis-Philippe Rochon (Laurentian University)
Marc Lee (Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives-BC)
Michael Liebowitz (Economics Professor, Simon Fraser University)
Hugh Mackenzie (Consultant, Hugh Mackenzie and Associates)
Linda McQuaig (author and columnist)
Morris Miller (Adjunct Professor, School of Management, University of Ottawa and former Executive Director, World Bank)
Anna Rothney (Economist, Community Economic Development, Manitoba)
Todd Scarth (Executive Director, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Manitoba)
Jim Stanford (Canadian Auto Workers Union)
Gideon Rosenbluth (Emeritus Professor of Economics, University of British Columbia, and past president of the Canadian Economics Association).
Thomas Walkom (economist and columnist with the Toronto Star)
Mel Watkins (Professor Emeritus of Economics, University of Toronto)