



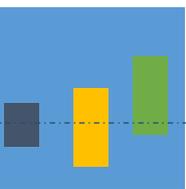
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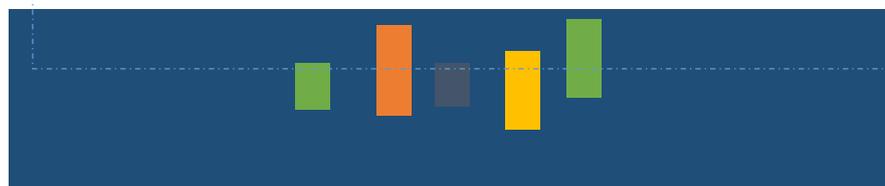
Treasury/ETAWA

Schools Economics Competition

2018



Candidate
Information Pack



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Background

The Western Australian Department of Treasury (Treasury) and the Economic Teachers Association of Western Australia (ETAWA) are proud to announce the establishment of an annual schools economics competition for year 11 and 12 students enrolled in Western Australian secondary schools.

The Treasury/ETAWA Schools Economics Competition will provide students in all secondary schools across the state an opportunity to develop their research, analytical and communication skills, fostering an interest and participation in economics.

Submissions are now open for the 2018 Treasury/ETAWA Schools Economics Competition.

Essay Question

In 2018, students are asked to prepare a 2,000 word essay on:

What do you consider to be the main problems or issues facing the Australian and Western Australian economies? What policy, or combination of policies, do you believe would be most successful in solving the problems or issues you have identified?

Terms and Conditions of Entry

Eligibility for Entry

Entrants must be enrolled in year 11 or 12 at a Western Australian secondary school in 2018. Immediate relatives (being children, step-children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces) of Treasury employees and ETAWA members may submit entries, however, are ineligible to claim any prize money.

Format

Students are required to submit a single 2,000 word essay per team, with entries limited to one team (which may be a single student) per school with a maximum of four students per team. In the event that one or more team members become no longer eligible to participate in the competition, said team member/s may NOT be substituted for new members.

All essays are to be submitted in English, in 12pt font with one-and-a-half line spacing.

All entries must be referenced to APA citation standards (found here: <http://www.citationmachine.net/apa/cite-a-book>). References are excluded from the 2,000 word count.

Submission Guidelines

All entries must be submitted to competition@treasury.wa.gov.au by **11.59 pm (AWST) on Friday, 29 June 2018**, with a completed entry form attached to each entry (attached at the end of this information pack).

Essays and entry forms must be submitted electronically, to competition@treasury.wa.gov.au, and in the format of a standard document software package (such as MS Word or PDF).

The time of entry will in each case be the time the online entry is received by the database. No responsibility is accepted for any late, lost or misdirected entries due to technical disruptions, network congestion or for any other reason.

The entrant must not submit an entry which includes any computer virus or other harmful computer software.

Entrants should receive an email confirming that their submission has been received within three days of submission. If a confirmation email is not received, please email: competition@treasury.wa.gov.au or contact Rhian Bilcough on 0467 592 855 or rhian.bilcough@education.wa.edu.au.

All essays must be original and not have been submitted elsewhere.

Student numbers should appear at the top or bottom of every page of the essay. No student or school names should appear on the essay.

General

Any entrant failing to comply with the terms and conditions as laid out in this information pack may be disqualified from the competition.

Treasury reserves the right to amend these terms and conditions as it sees fit.

Upon submission, all entrants give Treasury and ETAWA a perpetual, irrevocable, royalty free licence to publish, share, refer to, or otherwise use (in whole or in part) any entry or other material provided to them as part of the competition provided that they will acknowledge the author/s of the essay and/or other material.

All entrants also agree to participate in any un-paid media/promotional programs, as reasonably required by Treasury.

All entries in the competition will receive a certificate of participation.

Judging

All entries will initially be screened for eligibility, with short-listed entries then evaluated by the judging panel. The judging panel will consist of three judges, two from the ETAWA and one Treasury employee.

All essays will be judged on how well they address the competition question, critical analysis of the question, structure and writing style.

All decisions made by the judging panel are final. No correspondence will be entered into. Entrants are not permitted to contact members of the judging panel for feedback on the judging process or results.

The judging panel reserves the right not to award some or all of the prizes should they consider in their absolute discretion that entries not be of a sufficiently high standard.

Finalists

The top three finalists, as determined by the judging panel, will be announced by the end of July 2018 and invited, accompanied by a teacher, to give a short presentation on their essays in August 2018. Details of the finals day will be announced closer to the day.

In the event that a team shortlisted for the finals is located outside of the Perth metropolitan area, Treasury will subsidise the travel costs associated with attending the finals day presentation, up to a maximum of \$250 per team member.

All finalists will have the opportunity to partake in a photo opportunity with a senior member of Treasury on the finals day.

Finalists will be notified of the results on the finals day.

Finalists will be assessed on their submitted essays in conjunction with the presentation provided to the judges on the finals day.

These dates are estimates only. They may be changed at any time and for any reason.

Prizes

First Prize: \$2,000

Second Prize: \$1,000

Third Prize: \$500

Prize money will be paid directly to winning team members, evenly distributed between the number of team members. Finalists will be required to provide bank account details to facilitate payment.

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Enquiries

Please direct all competition enquiries to: Rhian Bilclough on 0467 592 855 or rhian.bilclough@education.wa.edu.au.



Entry Form

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Applicant Details

School Name		
School Address Number and Street		
Suburb	State WA	Post Code
Student Name		Student Number
Teacher Name		
Contact Number	Contact Email	
Essay Title		
Word Count		
<input type="checkbox"/> I/We hereby agree to the Terms and Conditions as set out in the candidate information pack. I/We understand that failure to adhere to the terms and conditions may result in disqualification from the competition and the forfeit of any associated prize money.		

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