Pennsylvania Economic Association (PEA) Announces

Best Undergraduate Paper Contest

Sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

With the winner to be announced at the Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Economic Association Penn State Altoona – Altoona, Pennsylvania June 1 & 2, 2018

To encourage undergraduate interest in all fields of economics, the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Economic Association cordially invites undergraduate students to enter the Pennsylvania Economic Association Best Undergraduate Paper Contest at Penn State Altoona this June. The winning student author(s)¹ will receive:

- A $1000 award (first place), $750 (second place) and $500 (third place)
- Commemorative plaques for the first, second and third place winners
- Complimentary publication of the first place paper in the Pennsylvania Economic Review
- Picture of the winning student(s) with the PEA President posted on the PEA website

To enter a paper into the contest, please send the following by 4:00 pm on Monday, May 7, 2018:

- Student’s name, class/year, and also full contact information of the faculty sponsor²
- Your complete paper (with a minimum of 7 pages and a maximum of 25 pages) including the abstract submitted electronically through the PEA website (http://www.econpea.org/conf/2018Altoona/StudentPaperContest.htm)

Eligibility

- Author(s) must be an undergraduate student as of Spring 2018 (December 2017 and May 2018 graduates are also eligible).
- Students must also register for the conference and must present their papers at the conference.
- No faculty–student co-authored submissions will be accepted.
- Student papers must meet the basic requirements of the judging rubric available on the PEA website.

All manuscripts must be submitted according to the APA guidelines (http://www.apastyle.org/).

- Sample papers are available on the PEA website (http://www.econpea.org/).

As part of the selection process, papers will be reviewed by a panel consisting of five economist judges representing educational and research institutions. Reviewers assigned to each paper will be external to the student’s institution and will follow the same scoring rubric.

All students will present their papers on Friday, June 1, 2018, in dedicated session(s) of the Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Economic Association, at Penn State Altoona. The winning paper(s) will be announced at the conference luncheon on Friday, June 1, 2018.

(1) Co-authors will split the monetary prize.
(2) Faculty should encourage their students’ participation early in the spring semester.