



2021 Vernon Smith Essay Contest

The Economics Department is sponsoring the Vernon Smith Essay Contest with a first-place award of \$500 and a second-place award of \$250. The Contest is open to all undergraduates enrolled in any 100 level Economics class during the Spring Semester. Prior award winners are ineligible for this contest. To enter this contest, students must write an economics essay discussing the topic:

Pandemics and Economic Freedom

Please include the following in your essay:

- Name, G Number, and email address on the top right of the first page, include your name on each subsequent page
- Times New Roman 12-point font
- 5-7 pages or 2,000 words
- Submit 1 copy of the essay. Essays will be evaluated for their cogency, economic reasoning, and persuasiveness.

DUE DATE AND SUBMISSION METHOD:

- Essay files should be saved in the following format:
First Name_Last Name_Name of Essay_G#
- Submit essays **by email** (attach essay to email, in PDF or MS Word format) to mbernier@gmu.edu no later than **April 7th, 2021 before 5:00 PM, EST.**

Note: No late submissions will be accepted.

Essay winners will be contacted by the Department of Economics by email.