



2021 James Buchanan Essay Contest

The Economics Department is sponsoring the James Buchanan Essay Contest with a first-place award of \$500 and a second-place award of \$250. This contest is open to all undergraduate economics students (major and minor). Prior award winners are ineligible for this contest. To enter this contest, students must write an economics essay discussing the topic:

James Buchanan wrote, in "Natural and Artifactual Man," that "Man wants freedom to become the man he wants to become." What does Buchanan mean by this claim, and what is its practical relevance?

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
- 2,500 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 (PDF or MS Word), with the file name as: First Name_Last Name_Name of Essay_G#
- Submit essays **by email** (attach essay to email) 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.