



2023 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 following topic:

Address "The role of liberty and free markets in international conflict resolution and stable peace."

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 cogency, economic reasoning, and persuasiveness.

DUE DATE AND SUBMISSION METHOD:

- **Essay files must be saved in the following format:**
First Name_Last Name_Name of Essay_G#
- **Submit essays by email** (attach your essay as a PDF file) to mbernier@gmu.edu no later than **Monday, March 27th, 2023, before 11:59 PM, EST.**

Note: No late submissions will be accepted.

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