

Criteria for 2019 Economics Essay (Total Possible 110 points plus 5 for 2nd language)

Jan 21: Notification of Intent 5 points

TAIMUN advisors, including AST, will provide the Assistant Director for AST with student name(s), advisor name, and project title. Notification is due Jan 21. Participation will be accepted through Jan 25 with points deducted if incomplete or submitted after Jan 21.

Jan 30 Assigning Individual Identifier No Points

Assistant Director will assign each entrant a three-digit, non-sequential identifier for each participant. Identifier will be known only by the Assistant Director, the school advisor and the individual participant. All subsequent work submitted will include only the individual identifier.

Ex. BQN is assigned to Mary Tom, Advisor Ms. Don, Title How to Measure Growth, All subsequent materials submitted by Mary Tom will list BQN as the author and will make no reference to Mary Tom or the school Mary Tom attends.

Feb 04 Submission 5 points

The project will be submitted in PDF format via email to the Assistant Director. Subject line for the email and file name will be EconLit (individual identifier). Example: EconLit BQN

Projects that include the student name in the file name or within the document will not be evaluated. Projects will be accepted through Feb 7. Points will be deducted if submitted after Feb 4.

Feb 9 Projects Forwarded for Preliminary Evaluation No Points

Assistant Director will provide Andrew Corcoran or individual designated by him the projects electronically in PDF format. Preliminary evaluation is to identify not more than 5 finalists for the Economic Literacy Prize.

Evaluation

Projects of the finalists will be evaluated by a committee of no less than three persons following the criteria listed below. The project is to be completed in English. Students may submit a one-page summary in a language other than English. This will be evaluated separately and included in the total only if point scores to determine the prize recipient are within 3 points.

Note1: For languages other than Chinese, an English translation of the summary is also required.

Note 2: The certificate of each student who submits a summary in another language will indicate their project was bilingual.

1. Statement of the Issue. 5 Points

a. There is a clear statement of the issue presented. Statement indicates why the issue is important.

2. One paragraph summary in English. 5 Points

3. Discussion of the issues. 20 Points

4. Different points of view are presented.

5. Analysis of the differing points of view. 20 points

a. Discussion leads to an analysis of different points of view

6. Conclusion based on the analysis. 10 points

7. Economic models, graphs, definitions used to demonstrate understanding and/or clarify points. 15 points

8. Timeliness and appropriateness of no less than 4 references. 15 Points

9. References/sources properly cited. 10 Points

10. Summary in language other than English. (included in total only for a tie.) 5 Points

a. Similar to English summary but major discussion points and conclusion included. Not more than one page. Required for project to be listed as bilingual.