

Economics Essay FAQ

1. Who is eligible for the essay contest?

Each school participating in TAIMUN XVII may submit one “finalist” student essay for the contest. Schools with 11 to 20 students participating in TAIMUN XVII may send an additional essay (for a total of 2 essays) and any school with 21 or more participants may send a total of 3 essays.

2. Can the essay be part of a class assignment?

Yes. The essay could be an assignment in an economics class or a topic for any class requiring a research paper. It could also be an exercise within a TAIMUN club or essays may be independent of any class.

3. How should the school select the Finalist essay(s)?

That is up to the school. Schools may use scoring criteria that are available on the website or teachers may determine their own criteria. Students who are entering the contest should be given access to the initial reference articles. Each school may submit essays depending on the number of students participating in TAIMUN XVII

4. When is the essay due?

The finalist essays are due via email on Feb. 4, 2019 to Annie Tung (atung@ast.tc.edu.tw). The essays are scored without readers knowing either the school or the student author. This requires that each school submit the name of the student and the title of the essay to Annie Tung no later than Jan. 21. Each Finalist will be given a 3-letter code to be used in lieu of his or her name. The writer’s name should not appear anywhere on the essay.

5. What do students gain by entering this essay contest?

The writer of the winning essay will be announced at TAIMUN XVII and will receive \$400USD. All finalists will receive a certificate indicating their participation, their finalist status, and that their writing was in two languages if they write a bilingual abstract (see essay information).

6. Any suggestions for schools?

Schools may consider using this as a class assignment or as a topic in a class that requires a research paper. Whether it is part of an assignment or not, it would be helpful to also advertise the contest at the school and allow any student to participate.

7. Is there an entry fee?

No. The prize money is provided by the Corcoran Fund. The fund also supports TAIMUN by assisting with costs related to the keynote speaker.