Pennsylvania Economic Association (PEA)

Announces

Best Undergraduate Paper Contest

With the winner to be announced at the
Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Economic Association
Penn State Berks
Reading, Pennsylvania
May 29 & 30, 2015

❖ To encourage undergraduate interest in all fields of economics, the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Economic Association cordially invites undergraduate students to enter the Pennsylvania Economic Association Best Undergraduate Paper Contest at Penn State Berks this May. The winning student author(s)¹ will receive:
- A $200 award (first place), $100 (second place) and $50 (third place)
- A commemorative plaque for the first place and certificates for the second and third places
- Complimentary publication of the first place paper in the Pennsylvania Economic Review
- Picture of the winning student(s) with the PEA President posted on the PEA website

❖ To enter a paper into the contest, please send the following by May 1, 2015:
- A cover letter as an email attachment to Dr. Orhan Kara (okara@wcupa.edu)
- Student’s name, class/year, and also full contact information of your faculty sponsor²
- Your complete paper (with a minimum of 7 pages and a maximum of 25 pages) including the abstract as an email attachment to Dr. Orhan Kara (okara@wcupa.edu)

❖ Eligibility
- Authors must be an undergraduate student as of Spring 2015 including May 2015 graduates.
- No faculty–student co-authored submissions will be accepted.

❖ All manuscripts must be submitted according to the APA guidelines.

❖ As part of the selection process, papers will be reviewed by a panel consisting of six economist judges representing Pennsylvania educational and research institutions. Reviewers assigned to each paper will be external to the student’s institution and will follow the same scoring rubric.

❖ All students will present their papers on Friday, May 29, 2015, in a dedicated session(s) of the Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Economic Association, at Penn State Berks. The winning paper will be announced at the conference luncheon on May 29, 2015.

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(1) Co-authors will split the monetary prize.
(2) Faculty should encourage their students’ participation early in the spring semester.