

2006 ANNUAL CALL FOR PAPERS

**DALLAS/FORT WORTH ASSOCIATION FOR BUSINESS ECONOMICS
ANNOUNCES
THE ARTHUR A. SMITH MEMORIAL AWARD
*RECOGNIZING STUDENT EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMICS***

The Dallas/Fort Worth Association for Business Economics gives the Arthur A. Smith Memorial Award to an outstanding economics, business or finance student (junior or senior) from one of the area universities each spring. Student nominees are generally chosen based on academic achievement, extracurricular contributions, character, professional objectives and the sponsoring university's selection criteria.

The field of economics touches virtually every aspect of human existence and interaction and employs a wide variety of tools and logic toward solving problems and issues. This is an opportunity for the student to work on a topic that has interest and significance in their chosen field. Past student applicants have written about a variety of subjects – examples include urban transportation, deregulation of electricity, U.S. budget surplus and trade deficits, birth control in third-world countries, the gold standard, renewable energy policy and global trade protectionism.

Students are invited to submit a 1,500-word essay on a current problem or issue in a local, regional, national or global context that lends itself to economic analysis or application of economic theory. The essay should contain a concise statement of the problem, support a finding using economic principles, research and analysis, and offer original solutions or recommendations. Students are encouraged to submit essays based on prior classwork or developed for the competition. Faculty sponsors assist the student in selecting an appropriate topic and submitting the essay. Essays are submitted anonymously to an independent panel of economic professionals for judging.

Students will present their topic in a 5-10 minute timeframe at DABE's April luncheon but the oral presentation will not be part of the judging. Winners are announced and the awards given at the luncheon. Faculty sponsors, DABE members, members of the media and invited guests will attend. There will be time for networking opportunities with professionals so students are encouraged to bring contact information.

Deadline for nominations and essays* is **April 11, 2006**. Nominated essays and a Student Profile Form ([see Faculty Sponsor](#)) must be submitted by email to:

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**Faculty advisors, please ensure that essays are in electronic form only, formatted in 12-point Times New Roman font, with appropriate citations or references, and contain no spelling, computational or grammatical errors.*