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The EPRC team presents:

THE STUDENT ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION FOR ALL TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

The Economic Policy Resource Centre (EPRC) is an online open access repository or database containing information on Zambian economic policy research and analysis.

EPRC is hosting a **student essay writing competition**, targeting University or College level undergraduate and post-graduate students. This round involves students from any tertiary institution within Zambia. This edition runs from 29th February to 27th March 2016. The competition solicits original written manuscripts/papers from the students, which will be assessed by the competition organizers and the best two of which will be rewarded with prizes. The competition is NOT INTER-SCHOOL, meaning that students INDIVIDUALLY compete against each other.

COMPETITION RULES

1. Students will be required to use the EPRC as the only source of information. Go to www.saipar.org and select the EPRC or google EPRC Zambia; there, you can search for different subjects and use the available materials for your paper.
2. The Competition allows for only one submission per student.
3. Each submission should meet the following **formatting criteria**:
 - **Cover page**: this should have the *title of the paper, student name, student identification number (computer number), date (day/month/year), and name of the university or college.*
 - **Main text**: this should be no more than 1,500 words, excluding pre-text, references/bibliography and annexes. All references and/or citations should be clearly presented within the main text in Chicago referencing style. Headings are permissible, but sub-headings (or other levels lower than the sub-heading) are not permissible. Tables, figures and charts that are included in the main text, must be included in picture format to avoid the word and numbers therein being counted as part of the text (1,500 words). Alternatively tables, figures and charts can be included in annexes.
 - **Reference/Bibliography**: this should always be included and must be presented in Chicago referencing style. References should be clearly stated at the end of the manuscript.
 - **Annexes**: are permissible in any format that the author prefers. However, each annex must be clearly referred to in the main text and must be directly relevant to the main text.

Each manuscript submission must meet the following **content requirement** and **information sources** criteria:

- The essay must demonstrate that it is about Zambia and is relevant to the Zambian economy.
- The essay must demonstrate a clear link between research evidence and economic policy in Zambia.
- The essay must show relevance to the Zambian economy, policy makers and leaders.
- The essay must cover a topical or contemporary issue in economy
- The essay must show evidence of clear understanding of the chosen issue or topic as it relates to Zambian economic policies.
- The EPRC should be used as the only source of reference information; the use of EPRC only should be clearly reflected in the references/citations in the main text and in the references/bibliography section. Manuscripts that use other resources outside EPRC or not linked to EPRC will be disqualified. Manuscripts are free to highlight some of the challenges and constraints of being limited to the use of EPRC only.

In terms of **submission requirements**, each manuscript should be emailed to eprczambia@gmail.com in softcopy in MS Word only (hard copies, PDFs and other softcopy formats will not be accepted). The manuscript must present the original written essay-type work of the student.

Note that only the first 400 scripts will be evaluated and any script that is submitted after 27th March, 2016 will not be considered.

AWARDS

The winner of the competition will be awarded US\$200.00, first runner up-US\$150, second runner up-US\$100, third runner up-\$50 The winners will be announced on radio and the winner only will also present his/her manuscript on radio.

Contact 0978807812/ 0211-267790 or email: eprczambia@gmail.com for more information or questions.

If you missed the first one; this is yet another opportunity!!!! Previous participants are also encouraged to participate!! Best wishes!!!

