

## **The Andrew Brimmer Undergraduate Essay Prize**

Dr. Andrew Brimmer joined the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on March 9, 1966, becoming the first Black member in the Board's history. He served until August 31, 1974. During his tenure, Dr. Brimmer became known as an expert on international monetary policy. In later years, he used his position on the Board of Governors to draw attention to the economic plight of Black Americans.

Dr. Brimmer received his doctorate from Harvard University in 1957, concentrating in monetary economics and international trade.<sup>1</sup>

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the American Economic Association and its Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession (CSMGEP) announces the establishment of the annual Andrew Brimmer Undergraduate Essay Prize. The winner will receive a check for \$1,000 and a plaque from the president of the American Economic Association.

### **Criteria:**

- An essay on the “economic well-being of Black Americans” of 750 words or less (including charts and figures) should be submitted as indicated below before the deadline.
- Undergraduate students at U.S. based institutions of higher learning majoring in economics, political science, public policy, or related fields are eligible to apply.
- Essays must be accompanied by a short endorsement letter from the department chair.
- One essay per department will be accepted.

### **Application Process and Deadline:**

Applications that meet the criteria listed above should be submitted to [info@csmgep.org](mailto:info@csmgep.org) by 5 pm ET of the last Friday of September.

### **Notification:**

The award winner will be notified by late October.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.federalreservehistory.org/people/andrew\\_f\\_brimmer](https://www.federalreservehistory.org/people/andrew_f_brimmer)