



High School Essay Contest

Contestant Qualifications and Rules:

1. Participants must be enrolled in a school within the Aiken, Richmond, or Columbia County area. CNTA members' families are also considered eligible regardless of their county of enrollment. **A contestant is allowed to submit only one essay in the competition.**
2. Contestants must be high school students in grades 11 or 12.
3. Each contestant must prepare his or her own essay. The essay is to address one of the following topics:
 - Nuclear Career Opportunities
 - Industrial uses of Nuclear Science and Technology that Affect Everyday Life
 - Fact versus Fiction: How Media Reported on the Tsunami at the Fukushima Daichi Nuclear Plant
4. Contestants must submit one (1) copy of their essay in its final form to the Contest Director by the February 29, 2012 due date. Each essay must be accompanied by an Official Title Page and Official Student Entry Blank. **No faxed copies will be accepted.**
5. The Essay Contest Director will verify that the content of the essay relates to the nuclear technology topic. Essays not relating to the topic will be returned to the contestant and will be ruled ineligible for competition. Written copies of all competing essays will be held by CNTA for one year.
6. A copy of the winning 1st place essay will be submitted to local newspapers for possible publication.
7. Essays arriving after **the due date of February 29, 2012**, will be ruled ineligible for competition.
8. Contestants may not identify themselves, their city or state, or their schools in the context of their essay.
9. No hand outs or additional materials may be used with the essays.
10. Essays must be limited to 1000-1500 words.
11. Contestants may use quotations and/or copyrighted materials, but must identify the original author. The use of such material is the responsibility of the contestant.
12. Essays without proper citation of sources will be ruled ineligible for competition.