



CNTA Annual High School Essay Contest

Contestant Qualifications and Rules:

1. Participants must be enrolled in a school within the Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell, Columbia or Richmond County areas. CNTA members' families (high school juniors or seniors) are 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:
 - Discuss the Role of Nuclear Energy in Providing Electricity to the 2 Billion People Worldwide Who Need It, Without Increasing CO² Emissions.
 - Discuss the Expanding Role of Different Isotopes in Nuclear Medicine. Please include the importance of both isotope origin and ensuring an adequate, stable supply.
 - Describe How Japan Compensated for Shutting Down Their Nuclear Power Plants After the Earthquake and Tsunami in March 2011. Please address the technology choices for producing replacement power, their economic comparisons to nuclear generated power, and the overall impact on Japan's economy.
4. Contestants must submit one (1) copy of their essay in its final form to the Contest Director by the due date of February 28, 2015. 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 (1) year.
6. A copy of the winning 1st place essay(s) may be submitted to local newspaper for publication consideration.
7. Essays arriving **after the due date of February 28, 2015** 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 1,000-1,500 words.
11. Contestants may use quotations and/or copyrighted materials, but must identify the original author. The appropriate use of such material is the responsibility of the contestant.
12. **Essays must include proper citation of sources.**