



CNTA Annual High School Essay Contest

Contestant Qualifications and Rules:

1. Participants must be enrolled in a school within the Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell, Burke, 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 impact of political processes on nuclear technology.**
 - **Discuss the effects of nuclear power plant closures either nationally or internationally. How do these closures affect the stability of the electric grid, the economy of the surrounding areas, and the effect on greenhouse gas emissions?**
 - **“Green vs. Clean” – discuss the relative merits of fracking vs. nuclear to the environment and the 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 29, 2016. Each essay **must be accompanied** by an Official Title Page and Official Student Entry Blank (including teacher/advisor/school information). **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. 1st place essay(s) may be submitted to local newspapers for publication consideration.
7. Essays arriving **after the due date of February 29, 2016** 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.**