



## CNTA Annual High School Essay Contest

### Contestant Qualifications and Rules:

1. Participants must be enrolled in a school (including homeschools) 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:
  - **In light of the recent hurricane events, compare the reliability of the electricity supply generated by nuclear power to other sources of electricity which support the grid.**
  - **Discuss how maintaining a strong nuclear science and technology infrastructure is important for the national security of the USA. This discussion should encompass both civilian and defense aspects.**
  - **Discuss the value of nuclear technologies and radioisotopes to the world's food supply.**
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, 2018. Each essay **must be accompanied** by an 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. 1<sup>st</sup> place essay(s) may be submitted to local newspapers for publication consideration.
7. Essays arriving **after the due date of February 28, 2018** 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.**