

## **CITIZENS FOR NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS**

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### **2022 CNTA High School Essay Contest Now Accepting Applications**

The 2022 Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) Essay Contest is officially underway! This is the 16<sup>th</sup> year CNTA has provided an opportunity for students to earn up to \$1,000 toward their future education.

The essay contest is open to high school juniors and seniors in Aiken, Allendale, and Barnwell counties in South Carolina; or Burke, Columbia, and Richmond counties in Georgia. The contest is also open to high school juniors and seniors of CNTA members, regardless of their county of enrollment.

Three top awards of \$1,000 scholarships will be given as well as up to five \$500 second-place awards.

This year, the 1,000-to-1,500-word essay submissions need to be on one of the following topics:

- *Fusion: This past year has seen much progress toward sustained fusion power ... discuss the progress and remaining roadblocks.*
- *Space: Discuss the use of nuclear technology in space exploration (past, present, and future).*
- *Medicine: Discuss the importance of isotopes in today's medicine and the U.S. dependence on foreign supply.*
- *Global Warming: Discuss how electricity generated from nuclear power versus fossil fuels can impact global warming.*

Successful essays require students to integrate science, technology, social understanding and language arts. Researching a technical topic, relating the information to society, and effectively communicating the information in writing are great skills for any high school student to practice and demonstrate.

The deadline to submit essays is February 28, 2022. Contest winners will be recognized at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Edward Teller Banquet in the fall of 2022.

“Over the course of the essay contest program, CNTA has awarded almost \$50,000 to area high school students,” said Jim Marra, CNTA Executive Director. “The goal of the essay contest is to promote a better understanding of nuclear technology among high school students. It also provides an incentive for the development of written communication skills that are vital to continued success in education and in the workforce.”

The essay content flyer, rules, and entry form are available on CNTA's website at: <https://cntaware.org/high-school-essay-contest/>. For additional information, contact Jim Marra at [cnta@bellsouth.net](mailto:cnta@bellsouth.net) or (803) 649-3456.

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