

“Energy & the Environment:
Changing our Communities, our Schools and our World”
A&WMA’s 2010 High School Essay Contest

Participants:	Students in grades 9th – 12th in a public, private, parochial school, or home school are eligible. This contest is conducted without regard to race, religion, sex, or national origin.
Length:	6 pages maximum . This includes the title page with abstract, the body of the text, and references.
Format:	<p>Essay is to be prepared using a word processor program. Use 12 point, Arial font for text and 14 point, Arial font for the title and headings. All paragraphs are to be double-spaced. All of the essay must be the student's original work.</p> <p>Each essay must have:</p> <p>A. Title and Abstract page with the following information: Title of Essay – “Energy and the Environment: Changing our communities, our schools and our world” (centered, 14 point Arial font)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. A brief title stating the specific action you propose (centered, 14 point Arial font) 3. Skip 2 lines 4. Student’s full name and address (centered, 12 point Arial font) 5. Student’s telephone number (with area code) (centered, 12 point Arial font) 6. Student’s e-mail address (optional) (centered, 12 point Arial font) 7. Name of Student’s school or the words “Home School” (centered, 12 point font) 8. School address (Street, RR, PO Box, City, State, Zip Code) (centered, 12 point Arial font) 9. Name of Student’s teacher and subject taught (centered, 12 point Arial font) 10. Teacher’s contact information: School Phone, Home Phone (or cell phone), School Email, Personal/Home Email 11. Tracking Number (Grade Level, First letter of student’s first name, first letter of student’s family name, month of birth, year of birth). For example: Jane Doe was born in February, 1992 and is in the ninth grade. Her tracking number would be 9JD0292. (centered, 12 point Arial font). The tracking number MUST be placed in the header section on EACH page of the document to be submitted (i.e. the title, abstract, body text) 12. Skip 2 lines, then center the word “Abstract” (centered, 14 point Arial font) 13. A 100-200 word abstract of the paper (left justify, double-spaced) <p>B. Body text The first page of the body of the text must list the following information: Title of Essay – “Energy and the Environment: Changing our communities, our schools and our world” (centered, 14 point Arial font)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. A brief title stating the specific action you propose (centered, 14 point Arial font) <p>The body of the text must be left justified and double-spaced, 12-point</p>

	Arial font. The first word of each paragraph must be indented 0.5" and capitalized. Papers that do not conform to these specified formats will not be considered.
Submittal Format	<p>All essays must be submitted in pdf format as two separate files.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The first file will include the Title & Abstract Page. Save this file in the following format: "Tracking number_Title&Abstract Page". (For example, "9JD0292_Title&AbstractPage") 2. The second file will include the Body Text and Bibliography. Save this file in the following format: "Tracking Number_BodyText&Bib". (For Example, "9JD0292_BodyText&Bib". <p>Both files MUST be submitted, via email, by the contest deadline, in pdf format. If a student/teacher does NOT have access to software to convert the file to the pdf format, please contact the contest chairperson, Elgina McCoy at 734.324.6206, or by email elgina.mccoy@basf.com.</p> <p>Note: Because two files will be submitted, it is critical that the tracking number for each student is in the header of BOTH files. Entries will be disqualified if they do NOT meet these requirements!</p>
References:	Cite quoted material within the text using these formats: (First author's family name, year of publication) or (http://www.website.org)
Bibliography:	Essay must have a bibliography of all referenced material. As a minimum, each paper must include at least one book and one peer-reviewed journal article. Internet resources, if used, should be cited by title, the electronic address used to access the document, and the date the site was accessed. Plagiarism is grounds for disqualification.
Judging:	<p>Judging will be based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accuracy of environmental subject matter, • Persuasiveness, • Adherence to subject/topic, • Organization of material, • Originality, • Interest, • Spelling and Punctuation, • Grammar, • Bibliography, and • Neatness. <p>Pictures, maps, and drawings, graphics, and other such additions may be included but will not be considered in judging.</p>
Awards:	<p>The best paper(s) will receive \$400.00 and a certificate. The winner(s) and parents will be invited to attend the Student Awards Ceremony and reception at the Air & Waste Management Association's Annual Conference in Calgary, Alberta, Canada on Thursday, June 24, 2010.</p> <p>All other participants will receive a certificate of participation which will be mailed in July 2010.</p>
Questions	Any concerns or questions, please contact Elgina McCoy at 734.324.6206, or by email elgina.mccoy@basf.com
Deadline:	Essays must be submitted to awmaessay@gmail.com on or before Thursday, April 22, 2010.