

THE LEGISCHOOL PROJECT PRESENTS THE

2015 ESSAY CONTEST



Application Deadline

01.30.15



Guidelines

According to some scientists, the earth's average temperature has risen by almost 1.5 degrees in the last 100 years. Though the change may seem small, many argue that increasing temperatures have led to rising sea levels, more extreme weather patterns, risk to some species of wildlife and more. Some citizens have asked the government to adopt more sustainable practices that reduce our carbon footprint and make communities more 'green'. Others citizens voice concerns that government actions will do more harm than good, stifling the economy and raising the prices of gas and electricity. What do you think?

LegiSchool invites you to join the conversation that is happening in California and around the world! Please consider the following questions in your essay:

- What, if anything, is your community doing to address climate change? **"Community" may be the state, the city or county you live in, the school you attend, your neighborhood – you decide!
- Do you agree with the efforts your community has undertaken? Have you seen positive or negative effects? Should the community do more or less?
- What should the role of government be when it comes to climate change?

Eligibility and Rules

- The essay contest is open to 11th and 12th grade students in California
- The essay must be 750 words or less (typed, double spaced, 12 point font, 1 inch margins)

Submission Details

- 1) Your essay must include a cover sheet with your name, home address, phone number and e-mail; the name and address of your school; and the name and email of the teacher who distributed this announcement.
- 2) Please email your essay to **terra.townsend@csus.edu**. If you are unable to email your essay, contact Terra and make alternative arrangements.
- 3) Essays must be emailed by **January 30, 2015** in order to be considered

Prizes

10 winning essayists receive roundtrip travel to Sacramento to take part in LegiSchool's 19th annual Student Legislative Summit on **Wednesday, April 22, 2015**.

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