

**Air & Waste Management Association
2008 Essay Contest
“Greenhouse Gas Management Actions: What Can Students Do?”**

Topic:	<p>“Greenhouse Gas Management Actions: What Can Students Do?”</p> <p>The Association is beginning its second century with a special focus on climate change and greenhouse gas management. To encourage young people to consider careers in science and engineering, where they could positively impact this and other important environmental issues, we invite high school students to submit essays for our annual award.</p>
Participants:	<p>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.</p>
Length:	<p>6 pages maximum. This includes the title page with abstract, the body of the text, and references.</p>
Format:	<p>Essay is to be prepared using a word processor program. Use 12 point, non-script font for text and 14 point, non-script 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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Title of Essay – “Greenhouse Gas Management Actions: What Can Students Do?” (centered, 14 point font) 2. A brief title stating the specific action you propose (centered, 14 point font) 3. Skip 2 lines 4. Student’s full name and address (centered, 12 point font) 5. Student’s telephone number (with area code) (centered, 12 point font) 6. Student’s e-mail address (optional) (centered, 12 point 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 font) 9. Name of Student’s teacher and subject taught (centered, 12 point font) 10. 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 font) 11. Skip 2 lines, then center the word “Abstract” (centered, 14 point font) 12. A 100-200 word abstract of the paper (left justify, double-spaced) <p>B. Body text</p> <p>The first page of the body of the text must list the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Title of Essay – “Greenhouse Gas Management Actions: What Can Students Do?” (centered, 14 point font) 2. A brief title stating the specific action you propose (centered, 14 point font)

	The body of the text must be left justified and double-spaced, 12-point 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.
Footnotes:	Cite quoted material within the text using these formats: (First author's family name, year of publication) or (http://www.web-site.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:	Judging will be based on: <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. Pictures, maps, and drawings, graphics, and other such additions may be included but will not be considered in judging.
Awards:	The best paper will receive \$400.00 and a first place certificate. The winner and parents will be invited to attend the awards ceremony at the Air & Waste Management Association Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon on June 24, 2008. All other participants will receive a certificate of participation. Awards will be announced at the A&WMA 101st Annual Conference and Exhibition Student Awards Reception, in Portland, OR. There is no obligation to attend the award ceremony, but the winner and parents are welcomed to attend the Women's Professional Development Luncheon. More details about the Annual Conference may be found through the link on http://www.awma.org . Certificates and awards will be mailed to participants in July 2008.
Deadline:	Three copies of the essay must be mailed on or before Friday, May 16, 2008 to: Carol Clinton, Chair A&WMA Women's Professional Development Committee High School Essay Contest 6724 Perimeter Loop Road, Box 236 Dublin, OH 43017