



Fifth Annual Sustainability Essay Contest

The North Carolina Bar Association's Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Section is pleased to announce a sustainability essay contest, open to interested high school students.

Deadline for Submissions

Friday, May 3, 2019

Submissions should be sent to

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The Winners of the Contest Receive

First prize: \$750; Second prize: \$500; Third Prize \$250! The winning essays will be published¹ in the fall edition of *Environmental News*, the quarterly publication of the Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Section of the North Carolina Bar Association.

2019 EENR ESSAY CONTEST PROMPT

North Carolina relies on nuclear power, coal, natural gas and renewable energy generated by solar, geothermal, biofuel and wind to meet the state's energy needs. Each of these energy sources have positive and negative attributes in terms of cost, feasibility, transmission, distribution, and managing the waste from energy production. Is the state's current mix of energy sources sustainable? Why or why not? If not, how would you allocate the percentage of each energy resource the state relies upon and why?

Please respond in an essay of 2000 words or fewer, citing all materials (laws, studies, websites, news articles, etc.) that you rely upon in your analysis.

¹ The Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Section reserves the right to edit the essay for content or length prior to publication. All edits are subject to author approval. In the event the author and the Section have an irreconcilable conflict over content-related or other edits, the essay will not be published in *Environmental News*.