



Association of International Energy Negotiators STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION 2026-2027

Annually, the Association of International Energy Negotiators (AIEN) sponsors its Student Writing Competition, recognizing students who demonstrate excellence in research, writing, and analysis on topics related to international energy negotiations. The competition encourages students to explore legal, commercial, and policy issues affecting the global energy industry while showcasing innovative ideas and practical insights.

The 2026-2027 award includes:

- Registration to either the [AIEN International Energy Summit](#) (June 15–17, 2027, at the Westin Singapore Hotel in Singapore) or the [Model Contracts Workshop](#) (October 4–7, 2027, at the Pan Pacific Vancouver in Canada)
- Roundtrip coach airfare (advance purchase)
- Up to \$300 in reimbursable travel expenses (with receipts)
- Standard hotel accommodations during the conference
- One year of complimentary AIEN student membership

In addition, the winning essays may be eligible for publication in the *Journal of World Energy Law and Business*, AIEN's official journal published by Oxford University Press.

Candidates: AIEN members or applicants for membership and be full-time seniors in a four-year program or graduate students enrolled at an accredited university during either the Fall 2026 or Spring 2027 semester.

Qualifications:

- Applicant must be a current AIEN member or AIEN applicant for membership.
- Essay does not exceed 4,000 words (excluding footnotes; approximately 12 double-spaced pages).
- Essay addresses a topic directly related to international energy negotiations, such as contract, legal, or policy matters.
- Footnotes follow Bluebook citation format and are placed at the bottom of each page.
- Applicant must provide a current curriculum vitae that does not exceed one page in 12-point font that includes:
 - Full Name
 - Email Address
 - Phone Number

Students enrolled at schools associated with our [Education Advisory Board](#) program must submit their essays to their faculty representative, who may nominate up to four (4) papers from that school. Students attending non-participating schools may submit their essays directly to AIEN.

Applicants will be notified of results on or around January 8, 2027.

Checklist - Please ensure documentation is sent together in one e-mail (PDF documents preferred) to education@aien.org

- ☐ Be an Active AIEN Student Member/or Applicant
- ☐ Submit your completed essay in accordance with the Student Writing Competition requirements.
- ☐ Provide a current curriculum vitae (CV).
- ☐ Proof of Enrollment (If AIEN does not already have a copy on file as part of your student membership records.)
- ☐ High resolution JPEG (300dpi) headshot style photo (Awardee will be featured in the AIEN Advisor newsletter and AIEN LinkedIn Page)

- ❑ Deliver all necessary forms in one e-mail to AIEN by **December 15, 2026**. Items received after this date or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

The selection of the winner will be at the sole discretion of AIEN. AIEN reserves the right to award one winner or no winner if no submission meets the competition standards. Previous Student Writing Competition winners are not eligible to participate.

Students related to current AIEN Officers or Directors are not eligible to win. By submitting an entry, you certify that you are not related to any foreign (outside the United States) government official, nor are you subject to any United States economic sanctions. If you have any questions regarding these statements, please contact us at education@AIEN.org.