



Association of International Energy Negotiators STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION 2023-2024

AIEN has sponsored an annual student writing competition since 2001. The competition is open to all full-time seniors in a four-year program and all graduate students enrolled at an accredited university in either the fall 2023 or spring 2024 semesters. Essays should be an original work at editorial length (**no more than 4,000 words, excluding footnotes**) on any specific issue of the student's choice which is directly related to international Energy negotiations, such as matters of contract, law, or policy.

The essay should not exceed 4,000 words, excluding footnotes (approximately 12 double-spaced typed pages of text) in PDF or Word format. Footnotes should be in Blue Book format and placed at the bottom of the page.

All essays must be submitted to the AIEN by e-mail no later than November 15, 2023, accompanied by a current one-page curriculum vitae of the author and his/her contact details. Applicants will be notified of the winner on or around January 31, 2024.

Students enrolled at schools associated with our [Education Advisory Board program](#) must submit their papers to the professor representing the school in the program, who will submit the top four (4) papers from that school. Students who are not enrolled at schools represented by the AIEN Education Advisory Board may submit their essays directly to AIEN. One prize will be awarded, although AIEN reserves the right to award none, if it determines that none of the submitted entries justifies an award. Previous winners are not eligible to participate again. The essays will be reviewed by a committee comprised of educators, lawyers, business managers and international negotiators. Selection of the winning essay is solely at the discretion of the committee. Essays will be judged on topical relevance (is the topic useful to members of AIEN in their work?), originality of content, creativity, insight, clarity, and support for viewpoints taken. Each student may submit only one entry. Essays become the property of AIEN. AIEN may request proof of enrollment for the submission to be considered.

The 2023-2024 award includes:

- One winner will receive registration to either the AIEN International Energy Summit and its related evening events, June 11-13, 2024, Four Seasons Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand **or** the Model Contracts Workshop, September 2024 in Austin, Texas.
- Roundtrip, advance booking coach ticket to conference city
- \$300 expense reimbursement, for expenses incurred directly relating to this conference and supported by receipts.
- Standard lodging at the conference location during the conference, and
- Student membership in AIEN for one year.

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.

Students related to current AIEN Officers or Directors are not eligible to win. Previous Student Writing Competition winners are excluded from participating again. 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.

Entries must be submitted in one email by November 15, 2023, in PDF or Word format to education@aien.org including:

- Current curriculum vitae that does not exceed one page in 12-point font.
- Complete contact information including name, email address and phone number.