



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICS AND ASTRONAUTICS (AIAA)
& THE AIAA SPACE SYSTEMS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (SSTC)

INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

2019 SSTC STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST



THEME: President Donald Trump announced the idea of a Space Force. What are the key advantages and disadvantages of having a Space Force and an organizational restructuring within the Department of Defense?

REQUIREMENTS:

- Typewritten essay, double-spaced, 12 pt. font, in 1,000 words or less
- Include student name, teacher name, grade, and school name printed at the top of the essay
- Submit essay with student **and** teacher's: name, phone, e-mail, and mailing address for notification and awards

JUDGING CRITERIA:

1. Originality of ideas presented
2. Soundness of logic used to develop ideas
3. Realism of ideas presented
4. Quality of composition and clarity of expression

NATIONAL PRIZES: To be determined. Awards and recognition are typically given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Winners are publically announced in the September issue of Aerospace America magazine.

ELIGIBILITY: Any seventh or eighth grader (or equivalent). Please contact your local section officers (<http://www.aiaa.org/RegionSectionMap.aspx?id=3424>) to confirm they will accepting entries. For local sections not participating, you may submit to “at-large” through Jeff Puschell, jjpuschell@raytheon.com.

DEADLINE: Final submission deadline to local AIAA section officers is March 31, 2019. Local winners and their teachers will be notified in April. National winners and their teachers will be notified in May.

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