

Desk & Derrick Club of Tulsa 2011 Energy Essay Contest Rules

Dear Principals, Teachers and Students,

The Desk and Derrick Club of Tulsa is proud to sponsor its fifteenth annual energy essay contest for all public, private and home-schooled middle school students (grades 6-8) within Tulsa County and the surrounding area. Our organization is a nonprofit group affiliated with the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs (ADDC). The members are employed in the petroleum, natural gas, energy and their related industries within the United States and Canada. Our organization's motto is "Greater Knowledge, Greater Service." We hope that you will participate in the contest. **\$1865 in cash prizes will be awarded to the winning students and their sponsoring teachers for the top ten essay scores.** (See below.)

CRITERIA FOR ENTRIES:

1. Essay Topic: "*The Impact of the Oil and Natural Gas Industry in Oklahoma*"
2. All essays with completed entry form must be turned in to the student's sponsoring teacher or the Desk and Derrick Essay Contest Committee Chairman. All essays entries must be **postmarked by October 28, 2011 and mailed to:**
Ms. Cheryl Wootton
5148 E. 108 Street
Tulsa, OK 74137-7243
3. All entries must be:
 - A. Word processed or typed in 10 or 12 point font or handwritten in **black ink**.
 - B. Double-spaced lines of text.
 - C. On single-sided, 8½ x 11-inch, white sheets of paper.
 - D. No more than four (4) sheets in length for the actual essay. Bibliography may be on a 5th sheet.
 - E. Using a one-inch margin all around (left, right, top, bottom)
 - F. Listing a minimum of three sources for material used. (Web sources are acceptable with full URL.)
 - G. Attached to a fully completed and signed entry form. Do not place student's name on actual essay.**NOTE: THE STUDENT'S NAME SHOULD BE ON THE ENTRY FORM ONLY AND NOT ON ACTUAL ESSAY. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE STATED RULES WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**
4. Each student may submit only one essay that is **entirely composed by the student**.
5. The essay will be judged on the following criteria:

CONTENT	(50% of total score)	WRITING STYLE	(50% of total score)
A. Quality of Research (Facts)	(1-30 points)	C. Originality of Perspective (Creativity)	(1-20 points)
B. Adherence to Topic (Clarity)	(1-20 points)	D. Clear Structure (Introduction, Body, Conclusion and Bibliography)	(1-15 points)
		E. Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation	(1-15 points)

CASH PRIZES TO BE AWARDED:

	<u>Student Prize</u>	<u>Sponsoring Teacher Prize</u>
First Place:	\$500	\$250
Second Place:	\$250	\$125
Third Place:	\$125	\$75
Fourth Place:	\$100	\$50
Fifth Place:	\$60	\$30
Sixth Place thru Tenth Place	\$35	\$25

The winners will be announced no later than December 7, 2011. All entries will become the property of the Desk and Derrick Club of Tulsa and each entrant must grant the right to publish or republish all or part of his or her essay. The first place prizes will be awarded at the club's December meeting.

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