



Team America Rocketry Challenge

2017 Essay Contest: Why I do TARC

After 15 years of rocket contests, we're ready to celebrate! That's why we're kicking off TARC 2017 with a contest to showcase the talent and excitement in our program.

Our TARC 2017 essay contest will award one winner a cash prize of \$500 and a TARC website feature story. Two runners up will also have their essays published.

What: "Why I do TARC" Essay (one page, typed)

Who: Middle and high school students with at least one year of TARC experience

When: Submissions due no later than Friday, December 16, 2016

How: Submit essays to rocketcontest@aia-aerospace.org

Prize: One winner will receive a **\$500 cash prize** and a **TARC website feature story**. Two runners up will have their essays published on the TARC website.

Prompt: Over the course of TARC's 15-year history, more than 65,000 students built and launched rockets, furthering the program's mission to increase student interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

TARC's competitors are as diverse as the rockets they build, and everyone comes to the program for a different reason. In one page (typed, 12-point font), share what brings you to the TARC program, why it's fun and how you hope the program will impact your future.

Be sure to use personal stories to make your response stand out!

Essays will be judged on clarity, continuity and composition. Spelling and grammar count! Essays will be judged by the TARC communications team and winners will be announced on December 20, 2016. Email rocketcontest@aia-aerospace.org with questions about the essay contest.