



The Atlantic Council of Canada



Secondary School Essay Competition

The Atlantic Council of Canada is pleased to announce the launch of its 2011-2012 Secondary School Essay Competition. Learn more about us at www.atlantic-council.ca.

TOPIC:

The Alliance Then, Now and Later

The goal of this essay is to have students explore the role of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in international affairs. NATO has played a pivotal role in European and North American security over the last six decades and remains an important part of Canada's own national security policy. As the Alliance enters its sixth decade some wonder if it remains relevant and effective in confronting the challenges of the 21st Century.

The essay should explore NATO's original goals, and ask if they remain relevant today. How do they relate to NATO's current missions, particularly in Afghanistan and Libya? Has NATO been successful in addressing these challenges? Finally, consider the future: what kind of role will NATO play in international security in this decade? Will NATO be around for another 60 years?

Length: Minimum 5 double-spaced pages (approx. 1250 words), typed using Times New Roman, 12 pt. font.

Award: The winning essays will be published in the Atlantic Council's newsletter and on our website. Winners will also receive a membership in the Atlantic Council of Canada.

Methods of Submission:

<p><u>By mail:</u> The Atlantic Council of Canada 165 University Avenue, Suite 701 Toronto, Ontario M5H 3B8</p>	<p><u>By email:</u> Send as an attachment in Microsoft Word 2003 document format to Info@atlantic-council.ca Please insert "Secondary School Essay Competition" in subject line.</p>
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All entries should be accompanied by the author's name, school, grade, and contact information.

Due Date: February 1st, 2012

If you have any questions please contact our Educational Outreach Program coordinator, Ryerson Neal, at 416-979-1875 or by email at ryerson.neal@atlantic-council.ca

The Atlantic Council of Canada is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization, founded in 1966 to promote knowledge and understanding of international peace and security and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Canada.