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## Albany-Tula Alliance seeks entries for Annual Essay Contest

The Capital Region Sister-City Organization Will Award Winners with Cash Prizes

February 2, 2018 - (Albany, NY) The Albany-Tula Alliance is seeking Capital Region students from high school to first-year college to research and write an essay on the importance of intergenerational relationships in the U.S. and Russia.

For the past quarter-century, the Albany-Tula Alliance has been a cooperative sister city initiative between New York's Capital Region and the Tula Region in Russia. Through the years there have been many cultural, educational, scientific and business exchanges between the two. Even though government relations remain strained the friends of the Alliance continue to work together as citizen diplomats.

The annual Essay Contest is asking students to compare and contrast the benefits of intergenerational relationships in both the U.S. and Russia. For example, areas that could be explored include but are not limited to transportation, public health, the environment, education, parenting techniques, etc...

Essays must contain at least 1500 words. The deadline for registration and essay submission is Friday, April 13, 2017. The writer of the winning essay will win \$1,000, second prize is \$500, and third prize is \$250.

For complete rules and detailed information on the Albany-Tula Alliance Essay Contest visit www.albanytula.org/essay.

The Albany-Tula Alliance is a grassroots, not-for-profit volunteer organization composed of citizens of Albany and the surrounding Capital Region of New York State. Partnering with citizens of Tula, Russia, we have come together to provide mutual support and inspiration and to carry on a long-term program dedicated to the growth and well-being of both communities.