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2020 SPE Education Foundation Grant Scholarships

Milwaukee SPE Education Foundation reviewed and voted on recipients of the grant awards. There were 24 grant applications. The foundation is allowed to use the money we earn from interest on the Foundation Fund. A total of \$58,240 was awarded. Listed below are the grants showing the schools, the award amount and the education item

- * Merton Community School District. \$10,000 - Lazer cutter
- * Forest Park Middle School. \$7,999 - Upgrade CNC router for mold making
- * Kennedy Middle School. \$3,000 - DME MUD Quick change U Frame
- * Luck High School Tech Ed. \$2,100 - 3D Printer
- * St Croix HS. \$2,325- Desktop injection molding machine.
- * Fort Atkinson Middle School. \$2,700 - Dremel 3D printer
- * Sheboygan Falls High School. \$7,999 - Waterjet Wazer to cut inserts for tools used in their 33 ton injection machine.
- * Waukesha North. \$9,250 - Modix Big 120X Large Format 3D Printer
- * Chilton Middle School. \$1,000 - 3D printer
- * Southwestern WI School Dist. \$2,500 - Dremel 3D Printer
- * Fond du Lac School Dist. \$5,190 - SLA 3D Printer
- * Rice Lake Middle School. \$4,195 - 3D Printer

TOTAL \$58,258.00

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2021 "Wonders of Plastics" Essay Contest

The Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) presents the 22nd annual "Wonders of Plastics" essay contest. Open to all middle/junior high and high school students, the essay must be sponsored by a teacher and must meet certain requirements ([see Requirements for Submission, p 2](#)).

First prize \$250 (one winner in High School and Elementary Division)

Second Prize \$125 (one winner in High School and Elementary Division)

Topics to consider:

- Advantages of plastics in food packaging

- Creative use of recycled plastics
- How plastics benefit humankind
- How plastics improve our lifestyle
- Plastics in the environment
- Plastics usefulness in society
- What plastics has done for me
- Why the bad reputation of plastics is wrong



All essay submissions must be received at the SPE address, listed below, along with the entry form, by the announced deadline. Feb 28th 2021.

The winning entry for each participating local affiliation (Section) may be publicized in the Section's Newsletter and awards will be presented at the Annual SPE Education night in April.

Entry forms may be copied, but each essay must be attached to an Entry form; essays will not be returned and become the property of SPE.

Submit your Essay to:

SPE Milwaukee Section
 Ray Ciezki
 W271 N5310 Jessica Drive
 Pewaukee, WI 53072
 Tel: 262 370-2259

*Send 1 hard copy to the address listed above. Entry must be received by Feb 28th , 2021.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION

General

Length: Between 500 and 1,000 words

Format: Typewritten in English on 8 ½ x 11 paper (for North America), title to appear as heading on each page; no name on any page except the entry form that must accompany each essay; 1-inch margins minimum on all sides

Organization

The organization structure of the essay should be "logical," including the following considerations:

Introduction: Optional

Thesis: Several sentences

Development: This section should be several paragraphs and should discuss the theme, analyze it, feature informal research about the theme, etc.

Conclusion: This section should be at least one paragraph in which the author summarizes the ideas presented in the essay

Mechanics

Spelling should be correct; syntax should be readable; punctuation should be conventional. Essay should be free of sentence fragments. Diction (word choice) should be appropriate to the subject and the writer's understanding of the topic. Point of view should be appropriate to the topic/subject and remain constant and consistent. A mixture of first and third person is acceptable if it is appropriate to the voice of the essay. However, the use of second person ("you" either stated directly or implied) will change the "voice" of the essay in a manner damaging to its effectiveness. Footnotes and references must be included when necessary.

Judging

A panel consisting of SPE members and volunteers will judge essays. In order to be a finalist, the essay must meet all the conditions as stated in the organization and mechanics above, with only incidental errors in mechanics. It must meet the assigned minimum length and must be submitted following the prescribed format.

[Click here for the Application](#) or visit our [website](#) for more details.

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