

The Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) presents the 21<sup>st</sup> annual “Wonders of Plastics” essay contest. Open to all middle/junior high and high school students, the essay must meet the requirements outlined below. **Deadline is February, 28, 2017!**

## Topics to Consider:

Advantages of Plastics in Food Packaging  
Creative Use of Recycled Plastics  
How Plastics Benefit Humankind  
Myths about the Bad Reputation of Plastics

Plastics in the Environment  
Plastics Usefulness in Society  
What Plastics Have Done for Me  
How Plastics Improve our Lifestyle

## Cash Awards for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Place from both North and South Sections:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** \$500 and publication in the SPE Detroit Section Newsletter for both sections  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** \$300  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** \$200  
**4<sup>th</sup> Place:** \$100  
**5<sup>th</sup> Place:** \$ 50

## Submit Essays Electronically (MS Word or pdf files preferred) by 2/28/17 to:

### ***SPE Detroit Section North***

Todd Hogan – Contest Chair  
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(989) 636-5303  
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### ***SPE Detroit Section South***

Tom Miller – Contest Chair  
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## Requirements for Submission:

Between 500 – 1,000 words. Typewritten in English on 8 ½ x 11 paper, 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.

The organization structure of the essay should be “logical,” including the following considerations: Introduction, Development, Thesis and Conclusion.

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. Footnotes and references must be included when necessary.



## 2016 - 2017 Society of Plastics Engineers Detroit Section Entry Form

<b>Name:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>School:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Home Address:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>School Address:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Phone #:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Teacher:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>eMail:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Class:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Grade in School:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Essay Title:</b>	<input type="text"/>

By submitting this essay to the SPE Detroit Section for consideration, I give permission to the Essay Contest Committee to publish this essay in a future SPE Detroit Section monthly newsletter.

**Electronic Signature**

**Date**



## Essay Title

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