

# 2024 SPE Detroit Essay Contest Application



The Detroit Section of Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) presents the 28<sup>th</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 26, 2024!**

## 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  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** \$300  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** \$200  
**4<sup>th</sup> Place:** \$100  
**5<sup>th</sup> Place:** \$ 50

Last year’s winning essays may be found at: [Essay Contest | SPE Detroit Section](#)

**Submit Essays Electronically by 2/26/24 to:** [Essay Contest Application | SPE Detroit Section](#)

## Requirements for Submission:

Between 500 – 1,000 words. Essay to be written in English, title to appear as heading on each page; no name on any page except the entry form that must accompany each essay.

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.

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