

2023 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY COMPETITION

CONTEST SUMMARY

The San Jose Branch is excited to hold the 36th Annual Student Scholarship Essay Competition tailored for aspiring civil engineers or individuals in related fields. The competition aims to foster creativity, fresh perspectives, and a commitment to the field. Recognizing that grades don't define potential, we invite applicants to submit an essay that addresses one of the thought-provoking prompts.

Scholarship prizes have ranged from \$500 to \$5,000 for award winners. Last year, a total of \$22,000 was awarded to 14 students. So, don't miss out on this unique opportunity to share and be recognized for your ideas!

ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Any currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate student in the civil engineering department or a related department at San Jose State University, Santa Clara University, or Stanford University.
2. The applicant must be a registered ASCE student member in good standing at the time of application and award. ASCE student membership is free! Use the link below to register. <https://www.asce.org/communities/student-members>
3. The applicant must be available to attend the Student Awards Banquet; see next page for details.

ESSAY PROMPTS

Please select one of the following topics.

1. How can a civil engineer or someone in a related field address one of the six key trends ASCE lists in its Future Word Vision Initiative: alternative energy, autonomous vehicles, climate change, smart cities, advanced materials, policy, or funding? (<https://www.futureworldvision.org>)
2. Describe the event(s) that made you realize that you want to become a civil, environmental, or construction engineer or enter a related field? Has ASCE helped along your journey? What does your future with ASCE look like?

Deadline Extended!

Applications must be submitted online by **October 27, 2023 at 11:59PM PST.**

Please use the [Submission Link](https://forms.gle/Dx4ABiEzPs4mpgZP7) : <https://forms.gle/Dx4ABiEzPs4mpgZP7>

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EVALUATION CRITERIA

Essay submissions must be original, unpublished works created by the applicant themselves. Plagiarism will result in disqualification. Essays are judged by a panel of practicing professionals for content, clarity, narrative, spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

SUBMISSION MATERIAL AND GUIDELINES

All applicants must fully comply with the submission guidelines below. Failure to comply with any of the competition rules may result in disqualification.

1. Submit an essay not to exceed one page in length addressing one of the essay topics outlined on the first page. Include only your ASCE membership number on the one-page essay in the upper right-hand corner (not your school name). Do not include a cover page or attachments.
2. Submit a resume not to exceed one page in length. Student resumes may include name, address, phone number, work experience, interests, and coursework. Clearly indicate student membership of National ASCE (provide membership number).
3. Grade point average (GPA) or class standing must not be included anywhere in the essay.
4. Submit a brief one paragraph personal biography and a headshot. Personal bio and headshot may be used at the Student Awards Banquet for award winners.
5. Applicants must be present in person at the Student Awards Banquet. Participating applicants will be given free admission to the event.
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Registration for the Student Awards Banquet is below. Participating students will receive a free admission to the awards banquet. Guests will be subject to event ticket prices.

STUDENT AWARDS BANQUET:

Date: Thursday, November 9th 2023
Time: 05:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Location: Michaels Restaurant
2960 North Shoreline Blvd
Mountain View, CA 94043

Registration Link: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/58ujxmh>

Registration QR Code

