



AAAEA ESSAY/ POSTER CONTEST *Announcement and Rules*

The Essay/ Poster Contest is sponsored by AAAEA and is open to all students in the 3rd through 8th grades in the Chicago land area schools. Students submit an essay and a poster about an engineer that they admire or have made an impact on their life. The essay should explain who the engineer is and why the student admires this engineer. The poster should depict some aspect of the engineer and the engineer's accomplishment. The purpose of the contest is to stimulate students to consider careers in engineering by fostering interest in engineering through research, essay writing, creating a poster and interacting with engineers.

Rules: The rules are simple

1. The essay must be written by a 3rd - 4th, 5th - 6th, or 7th - 8th grade student(s).
2. Students may enter individually or up to three person team. Each entry should have a parent or teacher sponsor.
3. The essay must be between 250 and 500 words double-spaced on white 8.5" by 11" paper. It is preferred that essays be typed, but clearly hand-written essays will be accepted.
4. Poster size should be maximum 24" by 36".
5. Contestants should submit the original essay and poster by mail or delivered to the address on the entry form.
6. The entry form must be filled out and include the sponsor signature and daytime phone number and email address. This is required to contact the winning entries.
7. Please include entry form with original in mail.
8. All essays are to be in English and include a bibliography, utilizing at least one book source, but no more than one web site source.
9. Essay and poster will be judged based on originality of thought, method of expression, neatness, correct spelling, sentence structure, and creativity.
10. All essays/ posters submitted become the property of AAAEA and may be displayed on the website and AAAEA publications or in locations throughout the community. Submitted essays/posters will not be returned.
11. Failure to follow contest rules will result in disqualification of contestant.

Deadline:

Entries should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 2, 2007.

Notification of Winners:

There will be up to three winning entries. Winners will be notified by phone and e-mail no later than February 16, 2007

Prizes: The winner from each contestants group will receive a \$75. The three groups are: 3rd & 4th Grades Group; 5th & 6th Grades Group; and 7th & 8th Grades Group. The winners will be invited to attend the Washington Award Banquet on Friday, February 23rd 2007 at the University Club of Chicago. Their winning essay /poster will be displayed during this event.

If you have any questions feel free to e-mail Jamal Grainawi, P.E., S.E., at jgrainawi@aaaea.org, or call Mr. Grainawi at (312) 803-6516.

We look forward to receiving your responses! *Good Luck!*



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Entry Form

Due Date: February 2, 2007

Grade: _____

Student Name (first, last): _____

Student's Address: _____

Student's Phone Number: _____ Parent/Guardian's phone _____

Student's E-mail: _____ Parent/Guardian's E-mail _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____



School: _____

School Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

Student's Teacher: _____

Teacher's Phone Number: School (_____) _____

Teacher's Email: _____

Teacher's Signature: _____

A copy of this form must be submitted with the Essay that is mailed and this form needs to be affixed to the poster.

Entries should be submitted or delivered to Jamal Grainawi, P.E., S.E. AAAEA President,
c/o Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc, 230 West Monroe Street, Suite 900, Chicago, Illinois, 60606.

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