

Background

The purpose of the Akron Section SPE Scholarship Program is to promote knowledge in polymer science, engineering, and technology. Started in 1990, it has awarded over \$275,000 to area students. Particular emphasis is given to students enrolling in two- and four-year programs with a plastics application.

Scholarships for up to \$3,000 per year will be granted for tuition, books, laboratory fees, and other educational costs for courses necessary to earn a certificate or associate or baccalaureate degree in preparation for a career in polymers.

General Information

The Scholarship Selection Committee consists of three to five Akron Section SPE members appointed by the President of the Akron Section.

Committee tasks include:

1. Judging candidates based on established criteria and selecting scholarship recipients for Board approval.
2. Monitoring recipients' performances.
3. Determining eligibility for scholarship renewals.

The criteria for candidate selection are:

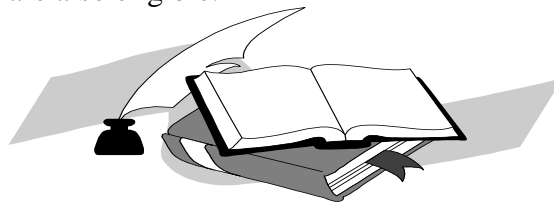
1. Scholastic Achievement
 - a. Grade point average.

- b. Courses and exposure to polymer related subjects).
2. Interest in a plastics career
 - a. Submitting an essay outlining career interests and goals.
3. Financial need
4. Social qualities
 - a. Leadership.
 - b. Extracurricular activities.
5. Two letters of reference from instructors or supervisors. (to be included with application)
6. Residence within area covered by Akron SPE.

First-time Applicants

Interested students from local high schools, technical, and vocational schools, and area colleges are encouraged to fill out the attached SPE Scholarship Application form, including the essay, references, and current transcript.

All scholarships are awarded for one year with option for renewal. The awards are for full-time students only. Co-op students are also eligible.



Scholarship applications should be forwarded to:

Dr. Kevin Caviicchi
Akron SPE Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1417
Akron, OH 44309

- OR -

AkronSPE.Education@gmail.com

Deadline is March 15, 2010.

Renewal Applicants

The scholarship recipient must:

1. Maintain a minimum **2.5/4.0** grade point average or equivalent.
2. Submit grade reports and course selections demonstrating polymer-related curriculum prior to start of next semester.
3. Apply for renewal scholarship using SPE application form. (References and essay are not required for renewal.)

Names of scholarship recipients will be distributed to donor companies for possible internship or cooperative programs.

The number of scholarships awarded per year will be variable depending on the number of qualifying applicants.

2009 Award Recipients

Rubbermaid Scholarship

Andrew McBain, Purdue University,

Ken Sharp Memorial Scholarship

Marrissa Tousley, Alfred University

Goodyear Scholarship

Kathleen Angel, University of Akron

Jim Steiner Memorial Scholarship

Brian R. Phillips, Ohio State University

Akron Section Special Merit Scholarships

*Alexander Schaefer, University of
Akron*

*Grace Heinlein, University of
Cincinnati*

*Kathleen Polenick, University of
Cincinnati*

Sophi Grodsinsky, Carnegie Mellon

Haley Cherniuk, Virginia Tech

Amy Liu, Rice University

Scholarships Available

Goodyear Tire & Rubber
Company

Rubbermaid

Kenneth L Sharp Memorial
Scholarship

Jim Steiner Memorial
Scholarship

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Special Merit Awards

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