

2024 Scholarship Program Information



Background

The purpose of the SPE Akron Section Scholarship Program is to promote Knowledge in polymer science, engineering, and technology. Started in 1983, it has awarded over \$430,000 to area students. Preference is given to students enrolling in two and four-year programs with a focus on plastics and polymers. Scholarships of up to \$3000 per year will be awarded and can be used for tuition, books, laboratory fees, and other educational costs necessary to earn certification, associate or baccalaureate degree in preparation for a career in the polymer industry.

Scholarships Available

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
Rubbermaid Corporation
Kenneth L Sharp Memorial Scholarship
Jim Steiner Memorial Scholarship
Robert Wegelin Legacy Scholarship
SPE - Akron Section Special Merit Awards

Names of scholarship recipients will be distributed to donor companies for possible internship or cooperative programs. The number of scholarships awarded per year will vary according to the number of qualifying applicants.

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. Students are encouraged to discuss their interests in plastics.

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

Renewal Applicants

Renewal Instructions:

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.)

Scholarship applications should be sent to:

Akron SPE
Attn: John Fellenstein
250 South Forge Street
Akron OH 44325-0301
OR
jfellenstein@uakron.edu
Deadline is April 19, 2024

Selection Criteria

1. Scholastic Achievement
2. Engineering or Chemistry or Polymer related field
3. Extracurricular activities
4. Financial need
5. Two letters of reference from instructors or supervisors. (to be included with application)

Residence within area covered by Akron SPE

2023 Award Recipients

Rubbermaid Scholarship

Delora Allen

The University of Akron

Ken Sharp Memorial Scholarship

Christian Jenkins

The University of Akron

Goodyear Scholarship

Natalie Prusovic

The University of Akron

Jim Steiner Memorial Scholarship

Matthew Miller

The University of Akron