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**SOCIETY FOR ANALYTICAL CHEMISTS OF PITTSBURGH**  
 IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE  
**2006-2007 MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE ESSAY CONTEST**



**TOPIC: SHOULD CROPS BE USED AS ENERGY SOURCE? WHY OR WHY NOT?**

**ENTRY GUIDELINES**

The SACP Middle School Essay Contest is open to all students in grades **7 through 9** in counties listed below. Supply all information requested on the front of this form.

The maximum number of words in the essay is limited to **325**. The essay is to be in prose(no poetry, please), and be the independent work of the student. Any essay containing plagiarized material will result in rejection of the essay. Photocopies of this form may be used. Enter the number of words, exclusive of the title, in the lower left hand corner on the back of the form. The essay must be typed on the back side of this form. Or, you can tape or staple it to the back of the form. The essay page should in no way reveal the name of the writer or his/her school.

Student essays **must** be signed and submitted by a faculty member of the student's school.

**No individual school may submit more than two essays in the middle school contest.**

Failure to comply with these instructions may result in a scoring penalty or rejection of the essay.

**ELIGIBLE PA COUNTIES**

Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Crawford, Cumberland, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Juniata, McKean, Lawrence, Mercer, Mufflin, Perry, Snyder, Union, Somerset, Venango, Warren, Washington, Westmoreland, York

**ELIGIBLE OH COUNTIES**

Belmont, Columbiana, Harrison, Jefferson, Mahoning, Monroe

**ELIGIBLE WV COUNTIES**

Barbour, Braxton, Brooke, Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Hancock, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Pleasants, Preston, Randolph, Ritchie, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Webster, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood

**CONTEST DEADLINE**

Entries must be postmarked by **Friday, December 1, 2006**.

Winners will be notified by the end of January.

Mail entries to: Patrick J. Journet, SACP H.S. Essay Contest

1625 Hawthorne St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Questions: (412) 491-8036 or <pjournet@stl-inc.com>

**JUDGING GUIDELINES**

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

1. Content (40%)      3. Composition (30%)
2. Creativity (20%)    4. Following Directions (10%)

**AWARDS**

The following savings bonds will be awarded:

1st Place	\$ 500	3rd Place	\$200
2nd Place	\$ 300	Honorable Mentions (10 each)	\$100

Students (Grades 10 - 12) and their faculty sponsors are to supply the information requested below and follow the directions on the top part of this page. The essay is to be the work of the student and must be neatly typed (or attached) on the back side of this 8.5X11 inch page. (Typing may be done by someone else.)

Student Name (Please Type) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ School District \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. (School) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Sponsor (Please Type) \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT

FACULTY SPONSOR (Required)

**TOPIC: Should crops be used as an energy source? Why or Why not?**