

MANUAL FOR CONDUCTING SPE STUDENT PRESENTATION/PAPER CONTESTS

1.0 Entrance Requirements

1.1 Contestants must be SPE members in good standing at the time of application.

1.2 Only students enrolled as full-time students are eligible to participate in the contest. The definition of "full time" is that which applies to the student's school; however, a student taking less than the equivalent of six credit hours is not eligible.

2.0 Entrance Procedures

Each participating student chapter must submit the entry forms and abstracts that it will enter in each division of the contest to the host group 30 days before the contest. If a region elects to do so, it may also require written papers. Additionally, it may require that the papers, abstracts, and entry forms be submitted 60 days before the contest. Final rulings on questionable eligibility will be made by the SPE President.

3.0 Rules on Form and Content of Presentation/Paper

3.1 Only single-author presentation/papers are eligible. The definition of single-author is a student that has contributed significantly to the presentation/paper even though other researchers or contributors may have been involved. Researchers and contributors must be acknowledged in the paper and presentation.

3.2 Papers should present, as completely as possible, the original work of the author in planning the investigation, performing the work, interpreting the results, and preparing the presentation/paper.

3.3 The subject of a presentation/paper must be related to petroleum engineering, which is defined as the application of basic and engineering sciences to the finding, development, and recovery of oil, gas, and other resources from wells.

3.4 A presentation/paper based on course work, including theses and dissertations, is eligible.

3.5 An abstract of the presentation/paper is required even when a formal written paper is required.

3.6 The presentation/paper must not have been either accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal at the time of submission for the contest or presented at a previous SPE Regional Student Presentation/Paper Contest. (This provision would not preclude prior presentation at meetings such as Student Presentation/Paper Contests sponsored by schools, SPE sections, or other organizations.)

3.7 The presentation/paper must be presented in the English language, the official language of SPE.

3.8 When written papers are required, they must be submitted in a typed form in English. It must consist of a minimum of 1,000 words of text, plus as many diagrams and supporting illustrations as may be considered necessary to elucidate the subject matter. The paper must not exceed 7,000 words equivalent of text and diagrams, with each diagram considered to be the equivalent of 250 words.

3.9 The talk may not exceed 20 minutes. You will then have 10 minutes for questions from the judges only.