Engineers Week (February 19-25, 2017) is a national, annual celebration of how engineers make a difference in our world, with goals to increase public dialogue about the need for engineers and to bring engineering to life for students, educators, and parents. This year, WVU's Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources is sponsoring an essay competition for West Virginia high school students. Winners will be selected at the county, regional, and state level for both divisions.

Essay Prompt (9-10th Grade)
As WVU celebrates its 150th birthday this year, a lot has changed in this state. What do you think has been the most important engineering feat within the state in the past 150 years and why?

Essay Prompt (11th-12th Grade)
What is a current problem facing West Virginia citizens, and how can engineers help to solve this problem?

Criteria
• Must be a student in West Virginia in 9th-12th grade (public school, private school, or home schooled).
• Maximum of 3 pages, double-spaced.
• Essays will be judged on quality of writing, with a focus on student’s main idea and creativity.
• To be eligible for judging, students must complete online form with submission.
• Sources must be cited. Plagiarized entries will immediately be disqualified.
• Students do not have to be specifically interested in majoring in engineering to participate.
• Entries must be received no later than Wednesday, February 15 at 5 p.m.

Winners will be announced:
County winners:
Monday, February 20, 2017
1st place from each division will win a Statler College gift bag
Regional winners:
Wednesday, February 22, 2017
1st place from each division will win a $25 Visa gift card
State winners:
Friday, February 24, 2017
1st place from each division will win an Amazon Fire HD6 and a camp scholarship or Statler College scholarship

Entries must be submitted online at: www.statler.wvu.edu/essaycomp

Winners will be notified by email and announced on social media.
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