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# EXCELLENCE in science

2006-2007 contest



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**T**he **Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS)**, in collaboration with the **Ministère du Développement économique, de l'Innovation et de l'Exportation (MDEIE)**, is inviting women enrolled in a bachelor's degree program in selected branches of the pure and applied sciences (see the list of eligible programs in Section 1) to take part in the *Excellence in Science Contest*. Both of the above-mentioned government departments will be awarding four cash prizes of \$5 000, 10 cash prizes of \$2 000, and one joint cash prize of \$3 000. Additional prizes will be awarded by the following partners:

- » Agence Québec Wallonie Bruxelles pour la jeunesse (AQWBJ)
- » Centrale des syndicats du Québec (CSQ)
- » Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN), in collaboration with the Fédération nationale des enseignantes et enseignants du Québec (FNEEQ) and the Fédération des professionnelles (FP)
- » Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec (FTQ)
- » Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation (MAPAQ)
- » Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs (MDDEP)
- » Ministère des Transports (MTQ)
- » Office Québec-Amériques pour la jeunesse (OQAJ)

## Welcome to our new partner

The Conférence des recteurs et des principaux des universités du Québec (CREPUQ) will award a prize of \$2 000 to a student pursuing a bachelor's degree in a science or engineering subject recognized as eligible for the Contest (see Section 1). To find out more about this partner, go to its Web site at: <[www.crepuq.qc.ca](http://www.crepuq.qc.ca)>.

This Contest is intended specifically for women enrolled in university-level programs leading to a bachelor's degree in a field of pure or applied science where women account for less than a third of the work force. Graduate students at the master's and doctoral levels are not eligible for this contest.

The *Excellence in Science Contest* is the university counterpart of the *Hats Off to You!* competition organized by the Direction de la formation continue et du soutien (DFCS), Secteur de la formation professionnelle et technique et de la formation continue (see the contact information in Section 5) of the MELS. Financial support is provided by the Ministère's Secteur de l'enseignement Supérieur.

Like the *Hats Off to You!* competition for women in vocational and technical training programs, the *Excellence in Science Contest* is aimed at familiarizing women with the many career options open to them, particularly in the sciences, and at encouraging those training for nontraditional occupations to persevere until they earn their diploma.

## Awards Ceremony

The winners of the *Excellence in Science Contest* will receive their prizes at the provincial awards ceremony for the *Hats Off to You!* competition, to be held on May 7, 2007.

## Three Good Reasons for Having the Contest

- 1 To increase the number of women in programs leading to the practice of a nontraditional occupation. The number of women currently working in pure and applied science professions amounts to less than 23% of the active labour force in these fields.
- 2 To increase women's economic independence. The average salary earned by women is generally less than three quarters of that earned by men. This gap can be narrowed if more women take up jobs in science fields traditionally dominated by men.
- 3 To provide models of success. The *Excellence in Science Contest* exists to foster a wider choice of careers for women and to generate an interest on their part in technological and scientific fields.

## Three Good Reasons for Participating

- 1 To obtain recognition for their efforts. By supporting and encouraging women who embark on a different path, the *Excellence in Science Contest* recognizes that they have a place in areas traditionally dominated by men.
- 2 To earn reputations and cash prizes. Former prizewinners recognize that their involvement in the Contest has had a positive impact on their future plans, employment prospects and ... pocketbooks!
- 3 To create a network for support and the exchange of ideas. Taking part in the Contest provides contestants with an opportunity to create ties with other students, former prizewinners, workers and teachers.

### Objectives

- » Recognize women who choose a traditionally male-dominated career.
- » Reward their hard work.
- » Provide success stories for women to emulate.
- » Encourage women to pick a nonstereotyped career.
- » Help female students overcome specific problems related to their minority status within a predominantly male group.

### Cybermentors for the Candidates

Candidates can obtain advice on the preparation of their portfolios from previous prizewinners, who function as "cybermentors." How? By contacting them on the MELS Web site at:  
<[www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/chapeau/cybermentores](http://www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/chapeau/cybermentores)>.

### Tips for Writing a Letter of Introduction

The mentorship relationship can be useful for preparing a letter of introduction and obtaining writing tips. This kind of help can come from a cybermentor, a member of the school staff, parents or friends—in short, from all those who want the candidate to succeed.

**Don't hesitate to seek advice. Your success may depend on it!**

"I am delighted to be the spokesperson for the 2006-2007 *Excellence in Science Contest*. I really enjoyed participating in the photo report illustrating my work. I would encourage women to apply to the Contest, since it has some surprises in store."

Anita Yengue, Electromechanical engineering, Université du Québec in Abitibi-Témiscamingue







"I'm taking part in the *Excellence in Science Contest* because it provides visibility for women with a strong interest in traditionally male-dominated professions, and gives those who may be somewhat hesitant good examples of success. I would be flattered to serve as a model."

Gabrielle Gascon, 2005-2006 MDEIE prizewinner, Atmospheric Sciences, McGill University

To find out more about:

» the MDEIE and its former prizewinners, go to the Web site <[www.mdeie.gouv.qc.ca/chapeau](http://www.mdeie.gouv.qc.ca/chapeau)>



## SECTION 1 1 Eligibility Requirements

Candidates must have attended a university-level institution in Québec in 2006-2007 and have been enrolled full-time in one of the following programs. Programs **listed in bleu** are now eligible.

### PURE SCIENCES

- 5215 Biophysics
- 5240 Physical sciences
- 5243 Meteorology and atmospheric sciences
- 5244 Geology (mineralogy)

### APPLIED SCIENCES

- 5230 **Environmental design**
- 5332 **Architecture**
- 5334 **Landscaping architecture**
- 5335 **Urban architecture and development**
- 5337 **Industrial design**
- 5338 **Urban planning**
- 5340 Information sciences
- 5350 Engineering
- 5352 Aerospace, aeronautical and astronautical engineering
- 5353 Agricultural and rural engineering
- 5354 Food engineering
- 5356 Chemical engineering
- 5357 **Biotechnological engineering**
- 5358 Civil, construction and transportation engineering
- 5359 Electrical, electronic and communication engineering
- 5360 Mechanical engineering
- 5361 Geological engineering
- 5363 Industrial and administrative engineering
- 5364 Metallurgical and materials engineering
- 5368 Mining engineering

- 5369 Engineering physics
- 5371 Surveying
- 5373 Computer and information systems engineering
- 5375 Forestry engineering, forestry and silviculture

- » Candidates must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents and have resided in Québec for at least one year.
- » There is no age limit for participating in the competition. However, special eligibility requirements may apply to certain categories, namely Category 2, Career Development Trips Outside Québec. Candidates must therefore carefully read over the eligibility requirements described in this brochure.
- » Previous winners do not qualify for this year's Contest.
- » Students at the master's and doctoral levels are not eligible for this Contest.
- » Although a candidate may have projects submitted for several provincial prizes, she cannot claim more than one prize.

## SECTION 2 2 Candidate's Portfolio

Candidates must submit the following:

- » a duly completed registration form (included in this brochure)
- » a letter of introduction of no more than two pages (see Section 3)
- » a short essay of no more than one page for candidates in a thematic category
- » a résumé
- » a copy of the most recent transcript issued by the university attended

No items (objects, photographs, special documents, etc.) other than the documents listed above will be accepted for the purposes of evaluating portfolios.

## SECTION 3 3 Letter of Introduction

Presentation requirements:

- » not more than two pages long
- » typed with one-and-a-half line spacing
- » printed on one side on white paper (21.5 cm x 28.0 cm)
- » margins (top, bottom, left and right) of 1.5 cm
- » 11-point Arial font, with full justification of the text

**The letter of introduction must include the following information in order to meet the selection criteria (see Section 4):**

1. **Personal history and reasons for choosing a traditionally male-dominated type of training or career**
  - a) What are the highlights of your personal, academic or working life?
  - b) How did you get interested in your choice of training or career?
2. **Aptitudes and strategies for remaining in a traditionally male-dominated field**
  - a) What aptitudes or personal qualities do you have that will allow you to achieve personal fulfillment in training or in a career where women are in a minority?
  - b) What means do you use (or would you use) to foster your academic or career success in an area traditionally reserved for men?
3. **Your knowledge of your chosen occupation and career objectives**
  - a) Describe your chosen occupation, the duties involved and the related working conditions.
  - b) What are your goals for the future in your chosen occupation?
4. **Personal or professional commitment**
  - a) Which of your actions or achievements demonstrate your commitment (in terms of education, society and the community) to your chosen program or occupation?
  - b) Do you think that you have already influenced (or might influence) other women to opt for a career in a traditionally male-dominated occupation, or to remain in one? Describe how you did or would exert such an influence and the means at your disposal.
5. **Your reasons for entering the Contest**  
What are your reasons for entering the Contest and why do you believe you should be selected?

## SECTION 4 4 Selection Criteria

Portfolios will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- » submission of a complete portfolio
- » quality of the presentation
- » compliance with presentation requirements
- » clarity of the portfolio documents
- » authenticity and persuasiveness of the portfolio documents
- » relevance of your personal or professional commitment
- » relevance of the reasons for entering the Contest
- » academic achievement
- » quality of the résumé

## SECTION 5 5 Application Process and Deadline

Candidates must:

1. prepare their portfolio (duly completed registration form, letter of introduction, résumé, copy of most recent university transcript and, if applicable, a short essay)
2. have a professional staff member of the university they attend (dean, director, professor) fill out the "Recommendation" section of the registration form, which is found at the end of this brochure
3. on the registration form, place a check mark in each box opposite the theme(s) for which they would like to register

4. Send their application package to the following MELS address before February 9, 2007:

### *Excellence in Science Contest*

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1035, rue De La Chevrotière, 12<sup>e</sup> étage  
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FAX: 418-643-1926

E-MAIL: [chapeaulesfilles@mels.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:chapeaulesfilles@mels.gouv.qc.ca)

5. The MELS will forward contest applications to the selection committees, made up of sponsors and partners from the fields of education, labour and business. Applications will be identified by codes only.
6. Around mid-March 2007, candidates will be sent a letter stating whether or not their application was successful.



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## Category 1: Cash Prizes



"Women can improve their work climate. By bringing new points of view and values into play, they help to break the stereotypes associated with scientific fields."

Marie-Hélène Benoit, 2005-2006 MDEIE prizewinner, Construction Engineering, École de technologie Supérieure

To find out more about:

- » the MDEIE and its former prizewinners, go to the Web site <[www.mdeie.gouv.qc.ca/chapeau](http://www.mdeie.gouv.qc.ca/chapeau)>
- » the MELS and the Contest, go to the Web site <[www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/chapeau](http://www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/chapeau)>



"I'm a resource person for many young men who have questions about our courses. I've always enjoyed explaining things to people. And this helps me to show others what I can do."

Claudine Fortier, 2005-2006 MDEIE/MELS prizewinner, Geological Engineering, Université Laval

To find out more about:

- » the MDEIE and its former prizewinners, go to the Web site <[www.mdeie.gouv.qc.ca/chapeau](http://www.mdeie.gouv.qc.ca/chapeau)>
- » the MELS and the Contest, go to the Web site <[www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/chapeau](http://www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/chapeau)>

### Excellence in Science

The Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) and the Ministère du Développement économique, de l'Innovation et de l'Exportation (MDEIE) will each be awarding two prizes of \$5 000 and five prizes of \$2 000. The Conférence des recteurs et des principaux des universités du Québec (CREPUQ) will be awarding a prize of \$2 000.

#### Requirements

Candidates must be enrolled in one of the programs listed in Section 1. In addition, they must submit a portfolio that meets the requirements in Section 2, and write a letter of introduction according to the instructions in Section 3.

They must also write a short essay of no more than one page in which they answer the following questions about the involvement of women in scientific occupations:

- » *What do you think about the fact that women are underrepresented in scientific or technological careers?*
- » *In your opinion, what factors prevent greater numbers of women from embarking on a career in science and technology?*
- » *What do you think about the image that scientific researchers currently have in society?*

### Next Generation

The Ministère de l'Éducation du Loisir et du Sport and the Ministère du Développement économique, de l'Innovation et de l'Exportation will be jointly awarding a prize of \$3 000 to a first-year female student enrolled in one of the programs listed in Section 1.

#### Requirements

Candidates must meet the general contest requirements in sections 1 and 2, and write a letter of introduction according to the instructions in Section 3.

They must also write a short essay of no more than one page in which they answer the following questions about the new generation of women in science and technology:

- » *In your opinion, what factors prevent greater numbers of women from embarking on a career in science and technology?*
- » *In your opinion, what measures should be taken to encourage women who have opted for a career in science and technology?*



"When I saw the advertising poster for the *Excellence in Science Contest*, when I was acting as its spokesperson, I felt very proud to be making women aware of my area of studies."

Vanessa Grondin, 2004-2005 MAPAQ prizewinner, Food Engineering, Université Laval

To find out more about:

- » the MAPAQ and its former prizewinners, go to the Web site  
<[www.mapaq.gouv.qc.ca/chapeau](http://www.mapaq.gouv.qc.ca/chapeau)>



"Québec women still need models to pave the way for future generations. And to overcome, once and for all, their reluctance to choose scientific and technological professions."

Julie Barbeau, 2005-2006 MTQ prizewinner, Geomatic Sciences, Université Laval

To find out more about:

- » the MTQ, go to the Web site  
<[www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca)>

## Agriculture and Agri-food

The Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation will be awarding a prize of \$2 000 to a female student enrolled in one of the following programs:

- 5354 Agricultural engineering
- 5354 Rural engineering, Food engineering, Agroecconomics, Agroenvironment

### Requirements

Candidates must submit a portfolio that meets the requirements in Section 2, and write a letter of introduction according to the instructions in Section 3.

They must also write a short essay of no more than one page on agriculture or agri-foods that answers the following questions:

- » *How will the competencies you have acquired during your training prepare you to work in the fields of agriculture or agri-foods?*
- » *What is your current involvement in one of these fields?*

## Transportation

The Ministère des Transports will be awarding one cash prize of \$2 000 to a candidate who is enrolled in one of the following programs:

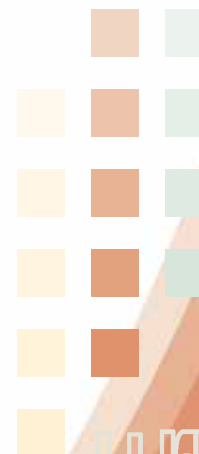
- 5350 Engineering
- 5352 Aerospace, aeronautical and astronautical engineering
- 5358 Civil, construction and transportation engineering
- 5371 Surveying

### Requirements

Candidates must submit a portfolio that meets the requirements in Section 2, and write a letter of introduction according to the instructions in Section 3.

They must also write a short essay of no more than one page on transportation that answers the following questions:

- » *In your opinion, what is the main challenge in the field of transportation today?*
- » *How have your education and training prepared you to meet this challenge?*



## Category 1: Cash Prizes



To find out more about:  
 » the FTQ and its former  
 prizewinners, go to the Web site  
[www.ftq.qc.ca/chapeau/femmes](http://www.ftq.qc.ca/chapeau/femmes)

" My goal is to demystify forestry for young women. This is a very interesting field, one in which many satisfying jobs are opening up. Women have an essential role to play here!"

Mélisande Duchesne-Angers,  
 2005-2006 FTQ prizewinner,  
 Forest Technology, Cégep  
 de Rimouski

### Equity

The Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec (FTQ) will be awarding one cash prize of \$2 000 to a candidate who left an unstable job (part-time, on call, on contract, temporary, etc.) to train or retrain, voluntarily and after careful consideration, for a traditionally male-dominated career.

### Requirements

Candidates must meet all the general contest requirements in sections 1 and 2, and write a letter of introduction according to the instructions in Section 3.

Candidates must also write a short essay of no more than one page on their personal experience in an unstable job, as well as their past, present and future experiences with union, social or volunteer involvement, answering each of the following questions:

- » *Why did you choose to train or retrain for a traditionally male-dominated occupation?*
- » *How will your experience and training help you:*
  - *enter the job market and keep your job?*
  - *improve your own situation as well as working conditions for women in general?*

Note: The jury of the Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec (FTQ) reserves the right not to award a prize if not all of the requirements are met.



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"I have a very interesting job, and I get along very well with my male colleagues. But I still have a hard time understanding why there are not more women working in my field. As far as I am concerned, there are no obstacles linked to gender! I'd really like to have some female colleagues."

Anita Yengue, 2005-2006 CSN prizewinner, Electromechanical Engineering, Université du Québec in Abitibi-Témiscamingue

To find out more about:  
» the CSN and its former prizewinners, go to the Web site <[www.csn.qc.ca/chapeau](http://www.csn.qc.ca/chapeau)>

## Cultural or Native Communities

The Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN), the Fédération national des enseignantes et enseignants du Québec (FNEEQ) and the Fédération des professionnelles (FP) will together be awarding a prize of \$2 000 to a woman who has chosen a nontraditional occupation and who is either a Native person or someone who regards herself as a member of a cultural community.

### Requirements

Candidates must meet the general contest requirements in sections 1 and 2, and write a letter of introduction according to the instructions in Section 3. They must also write a short essay of no more than one page in which they answer the following questions about the involvement of women from cultural or Native communities in traditionally male-dominated occupations:

- » *As a member of a cultural or Native community, what obstacles did you have to face?*
- » *Were you encouraged to fulfill your ambition? If so, how?*
- » *What motivated you to choose a nontraditional occupation?*



"I want to become an engineer so that I can serve society and help women obtain recognition in the workplace. I also want to build a better world for my kids."

Geneviève Lampron, 2005-2006 CSN prizewinner, Construction Engineering, École de technologie Supérieure

To find out more about:  
» the CSQ and its former prizewinners, go to the Web site <[www.csq.qc.net](http://www.csq.qc.net)>

## Perseverance

The Centrale des syndicats du Québec (CSQ) will be awarding a prize of \$2 000 to a female student who has shown exceptional perseverance in learning a traditionally male-dominated occupation.

This award recognizes perseverance in the achievement of career goals. It is not designed to reward those who have overcome physical or social handicaps. Perseverance may be demonstrated in a number of ways, for instance by taking an upgrading course, overcoming special obstacles (e.g. being far from one's family, having a baby, family responsibilities, stereotypes), or making lifestyle choices in order to continue their education.

### Requirements

Candidates must meet the general contest requirements in sections 1 and 2, and write a letter of introduction according to the instructions in Section 3.

Candidates must also write a short essay of no more than one page that describes their perseverance in learning their occupation, while answering the following questions:

- » *What obstacles did you encounter and how did you overcome them?*
- » *How did you motivate yourself to persevere in pursuing your career goals? Describe your experience.*

## Category 2: Career Development Trips Outside Québec



*"The Excellence in Science Contest introduced me to the AQWBJ. I dreamed about studying abroad to acquire experience in my field. Mission accomplished! This experience will undoubtedly be an asset on my résumé."*

Sandra Veillette,  
2005-2006 AQWBJ prizewinner,  
Forest Development and  
Environment, Université Laval

To find out more about:

- » AQWBJ and its former prizewinners, go to the Web site <[www.aqwbj.org](http://www.aqwbj.org)>

### Career Development Trip—Wallonia or Brussels

A bursary will be awarded by the Agence Québec Wallonie Bruxelles pour la jeunesse (AQWBJ) for a career development trip to Wallonia or Brussels.

This bursary will allow the best candidate in this category to do a work placement with a company connected to her field of study. The trip will last from six to 12 weeks, will be supervised by the AQWBJ and will take place between September 2007 and August 2008.

#### THE AQWBJ BURSARY INCLUDES:

- » a \$700 allowance for round-trip air transportation between Montréal and Brussels
- » a living allowance of \$1 200 paid by AQWBJ
- » exemption from the registration fees for the AQWBJ program
- » work placement services, and completion of the administrative formalities for obtaining a work permit and temporary visa for Wallonia or Brussels

#### Eligibility

Candidates must:

- » be between 18 and 35 years of age at the time of the work placement
- » be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident and have resided in Québec for at least one year

#### Conditions

The candidate must meet the general contest requirements in sections 1 and 2, and write a letter of introduction according to the instructions in Section 3.

She must also write a short essay of no more than one page in which she answers the following questions:

- » *What personal reasons and objectives led you to apply for a career development trip to Wallonia or Brussels?*
- » *How will your participation in a career development trip to Wallonia or Brussels help improve mutual understanding between two French-speaking communities and encourage cooperation in an increasingly international environment?*
- » *How will this experience help you enhance your skills and further your personal and professional development?*





"I wanted to work in a Central American country so that I could serve as a model of a female researcher in a society where stereotypes are more prevalent than they are here in Québec."

Ariane Douyon, 2005-2006 OQAJ prizewinner, Electrical Engineering, École Polytechnique de Montréal

To find out more about:

- » OQAJ and its former prizewinners, go to the Web site <[www.oqaj.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.oqaj.gouv.qc.ca)>

## Career Development Trip—the Americas

Financial assistance for a career development trip will be provided by the Office Québec-Amériques pour la jeunesse (OQAJ) to the best candidate in this category. This stay (e.g. work placement, applied research practicum) will last from four to 12 weeks and must be related to the selected candidate's field of study.

### EACH OQAJ PRIZE INCLUDES:

- » round-trip transportation between Montréal and the destination for the career development trip in the Americas
- » a living allowance of \$1 500 paid by the OQAJ
- » travel insurance
- » a local transportation allowance for candidates who live far from the departure airport

### Responsibilities of the Selected Candidate

The selected candidate is entirely responsible for finding a host organization for her career development trip, as well as for following the administrative procedures related to the requirements for entering the destination country (obtaining a temporary visa or any other formality) within the required time. The OQAJ is in no way responsible for the procedures involved in obtaining temporary visas or for paying any costs related to it.

Award winners must complete their career development trip within 12 months after they are awarded this prize (i.e. before May 2008).

### Eligibility

Candidates must:

- » be between 18 and 35 years of age at the time of the career development trip
- » be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident and have resided in Québec for at least one year
- » have the language skills necessary for the career development trip (specify languages spoken - English, Portuguese, Spanish).

### Requirements

Candidates must meet the general contest requirements in sections 1 and 2, and write a letter of introduction according to the instructions in Section 3.

They must also answer the following questions:

- » *How is a career development trip to the Americas likely to help you enhance your skills and further your career development?*
- » *How will your participation in a career development trip in the Americas help to improve mutual understanding and develop a cooperative relationship between Québec and the host country?*

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## Category 3: Paid Work Placements



"Months of reflection and questioning preceded my choosing a career. It took several meetings with guidance counsellors and hours and hours of conversation with my family and friends to get there."

Émilie Berouard, 2005-2006  
MDDEP prizewinner, Civil  
Engineering, Université Laval

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<[www.mddep.gouv.qc.ca/programmes/chapeau](http://www.mddep.gouv.qc.ca/programmes/chapeau)>

### Work Placement in the Environmental Sector

A paid work placement worth approximately \$6 500 will be awarded by the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs.

The 12-to-15-week work placement must be a compulsory part of the selected candidate's program or carry credits toward her diploma, further to an agreement between the Ministère and the educational institution. The selected candidate is responsible for making sure that her educational institution will recognize the work placement as part of her program. The selected candidate may opt for a \$2 000 cash prize instead of the work placement.

Candidates must be enrolled in one of the following programs:

- 5215 Biophysics
- 5243 Meteorology and atmospheric sciences
- 5350 Engineering
- 5356 Chemical engineering
- 5358 Civil engineering
- 5360 Mechanical engineering
- 5363 Industrial and administrative engineering
- 5364 Metallurgical and materials engineering
- 5368 Mining engineering
- 5371 Surveying
- 5375 Forest engineering, forestry and silviculture

#### Requirements

Candidates must meet the general contest requirements in sections 1 and 2, and write a letter of introduction according to the instructions in Section 3.

They must also write a short essay of no more than one page in which they answer the following questions about environmental protection:

- » *How will the skills acquired in your university program help you become professionally involved in environmental protection?*
- » *How are you currently involved in environmental protection?*

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If you agree that the personal information you provide us with may be used in a study or survey to evaluate this contest, place a check mark in the box. ☐

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