

Scholarships presented to winners of Grumman Energy Systems contest

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Increased involvement by the local government is imperative if San Diegans are to solve the growing energy crunch, according to the winner of an essay contest sponsored by Grumman Energy Systems for San Diego high school students.

Lori McFarland, a Point Loma High School senior, won a \$2,000 cash scholarship for her essay on the contest topic, "What should San Diego do about the energy crisis?" A Serra High School senior, Anthony Wong, was presented with a \$1,000 scholarship and James Perkins, a Bonita Vista High School senior received a \$500 scholarship in ceremonies conducted Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the University of California, San Diego.

Weymen Jones, vice president of Grumman Energy Systems, travelled from New York to present the scholarships to the top 10 finalists. He noted that there was only one criterion for the winners, and that was simple merit.

The contest was open to all San Diego city and county high school students. The 500- to 1,000-word essays were judged by a team of evaluators from UC San Diego and the San Diego Area Writing Project. William McElroy, chancellor of UC San Diego; Carlton Lichty, president of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce, and Herbert Klein, president of a media consultant firm in Los Angeles, selected the three winning essays from the top 10 papers.

The 250 entries were judged on their clarity and organization and the strength of the writers' arguments in response to the question.

McFarland's winning essay included a proposal for local property tax credits for consumers who install solar energy systems and insulation in their homes. She also advocated abandonment of the city's proposed light-rail mass transit system to the border in favor of development of a dynamic transportation system which incorporates North County.

Scholarships for \$200 each were awarded to the seven semi-finalists in the contest. Finalists were Mike Ebert, Coronado High School; Paul Kaufman, La Jolla High School; Richard Kiy, Crawford High School; Richard Kroening, Clairemont High School; Rayna Krohn, Torrey Pines High School; Lynn Weston, Patrick Henry High School, and June Yip, Torrey Pines High School.

Grumman Energy Systems, Inc., is involved in refuse power technology and the manufacture of Sunstream solar products and Windstream wind turbines. Its headquarters are in New York, with a major retail center for solar products based in San Diego.

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