

How Sharp Are You?

The Sharps Compliance, Inc. Spring 2018 Scholarship Essay Contest

Spring 2018 Scholarship Details

Accepting essays beginning: October 23, 2017

Entry deadline: November 30, 2017

Winners will be announced: December 11, 2017

First Prize: \$1,500

Second Prize: \$1,000

Third Prize: \$750

Eligibility

To be eligible to win Sharps' scholarship, you must be a U.S. or Canadian citizen and have been accepted to or be currently enrolled full-time as an undergraduate in an accredited university for the Spring 2018 semester in healthcare-related studies. Proof of eligibility may be required.

Topic: Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), signed into law in 1976, tasked the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to draft and enforce the regulations that form the federal program based on the Act. RCRA authorized EPA to delegate the primary responsibility of implementing the hazardous waste program to states and territories with approved programs. To achieve approved program status (aka RCRA Authorization), a state's program must be substantially equivalent to, consistent with, and no less stringent than the federal program.

What this means is that a state with a business-friendly agenda can't take the EPA regulations and water them down as a gift to hazardous waste generators within their borders. A more common occurrence is a state will go beyond the federal program to be more strict and more broad in its regulation of hazardous waste.

Why would states chose to enact more stringent regulations than the Federal EPA rules? What affect do stricter rules have on enforcement in those states?

Rules and Regulations

- There is no entry fee or cost to the writer. No funds will be solicited by Sharps Compliance, Inc. now or at any time in the future with regard to this scholarship.
- The scholarship is not open to persons, or relatives, previously or currently affiliated with Sharps Compliance, Inc., in any capacity.
- All essays submitted become property of Sharps Compliance, Inc.
- Submissions must be 1,250 to 1,500 words.
- Essays are to be submitted with a signed copy of this form.

- You may submit your essay via email to scholarship@sharpsinc.com or by mail to:
Attn: Michele Guzman
Sharps Compliance, Inc.
9220 Kirby Drive, Ste. 500
Houston, TX 77054

- Cash prizes will be made payable to individual first, second, and third place winners.
- Sharps Compliance, Inc. reserves the right to pay cash prizes directly to the winner's university.
- The essays will be judged by a panel of individuals selected by Sharps Compliance, Inc. whose decisions are final. No discussions or rationale for their decision will be given.
- Please include contact information, as winners will be contacted via phone or email.
- All sources must be cited properly in order to be eligible to win.

Direct any questions you may have to scholarship@sharpsinc.com.

Eligibility

In order to be selected as a winner, please fill out the information below, and attach a copy to your final submission. All applications received without this form will be automatically disqualified.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

University: _____

Major: _____

Student ID#: _____

University Registrar's Phone: _____

University Registrar's Address: _____

Signature*: _____

*By signing this form, you agree to all of Sharps' rules, regulations and eligibility requirements.