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## **SPE'S TEX-LA-GULF SECTION ENDOWS SCHOLARSHIP TO SPE FOUNDATION TO BENEFIT THOSE AFFECTED BY GULF COAST HURRICANES**

*Gulf Coast Hurricane Scholarship Fund will help the healing  
and long-term growth of the plastics industry in Gulf Coast states*

**Brookfield, CT** – For those residents and families who were impacted by any of the three 2005 Gulf Coast hurricanes, financial support is on the way for those wishing to attend a college, university or technical institute in programs that support the plastics industry.

The Society of Plastics Engineers' (SPE) Tex-LA-Gulf Section, which covers several counties in the Gulf Coast regions of Texas and Louisiana, has chosen to endow a scholarship within The SPE Foundation, calling it the **Gulf Coast Hurricane Scholarship**.

### **Two Phases**

The scholarship is broken down into two phases to address both immediate need and long-term requirements:

**Phase One: First and Second Years:** The goal for the first and second years is to provide significant financial support to residents and their immediate families impacted by any of the three 2005 Gulf Coast hurricanes who wish to attend a college, university or technical institute in programs that support the plastics industry. Scholarships will be offered in the form of one four-year university or college scholarship of \$6,000 and two two-year junior college or technical institute scholarships of \$2,000.

Requirements: Applicants must have been a resident of a Gulf Coast county declared a national disaster area by President Bush due to the impact of Hurricane Katrina, Rita or Wilma in 2005,

**Phase Two: Year 3+/Longterm:** The long term goal of this scholarship is to provide supplemental financial support to residents of the Gulf Coast who wish to attend a college, university or technical institute in programs that support the plastics industry. Scholarships will be offered in the form of one four-year university or college scholarship of \$4,000 and one two-year junior college or technical institute scholarship of \$2,000.

Requirements: Applicants must be a resident of a Gulf Coast State and must attend a university, college or technical institute in a Gulf Coast State (Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas.) The applicant must also enroll in programs that support the plastics industry.

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### **Sponsorship Opportunities and Donor Recognition**

Companies, individuals, SPE Sections or SPE Divisions that would like to donate to the Gulf Coast Hurricane Scholarship Fund should contact Gail Bristol, managing director of The SPE Foundation, [grbristol@4spe.org](mailto:grbristol@4spe.org), 203-740-5447.

### **About SPE**

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### **About The SPE Foundation**

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