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**Ivey Engineering Awards \$1,000 Scholarship to Michigan High School Senior
Aaron Kofsky**

Kofsky is IEI's second winner of the bi-annual scholarship essay contest. His winning essay discussed how to investigate the cause and origin of a building fire.

Jan. 19, 2018, San Diego, CA — Ivey Engineering, Inc. (IEI), an engineering consulting firm, is pleased to announce the recipient of the winter 2017 \$1,000 bi-annual scholarship essay contest. The winner is Aaron Kofsky, a high school senior from Ann Arbor, Michigan, who is currently dual-enrolled at the University of Michigan while attending high school. He will more than likely continue his education in the fall as a full-time student at the University of Michigan.

Kofsky, who plans to major in computer science, competed with over 100 other high school seniors or college students from the United States and Canada.

"I've loved the computer science field since teaching myself programming in the seventh grade," Kofsky says.

Applicants were tasked to write an 800- to 1,000-word essay on one of three topics and were judged for creativity and originality. Kofsky's winning essay gave several detailed steps on investigating the cause and origin of a building fire.

"The second step in root cause analysis is to find the origin of the fire," Kofsky explains in his essay. "This location, often called the seat of the fire, will be extremely damaged, possibly to the point of complete destruction. In larger structures, the seat of the fire may be buried under rubble due to intense structural damage," he says.

"Aaron's essay on investigating building structure fires was unique and well thought-out," says Scott Friesen, principal consultant at IEI. "You can tell he took some time researching the topic since he used various examples and statistical information to support what he wrote," Friesen says.

Kofsky sees himself in the next 10 years working at a company that develops robotics. "I'd like to help bring technologies like self-driving cars to fruition," Kofsky says.

"I'm impressed with Aaron's determination and where he wants to go in life," Friesen says. "We wish him the best in his future studies."

IEI understands how valuable a college education is and also the expense that goes along with it. The scholarship contest is a win for both IEI and the student since it allows the firm to give back to the community.

Those applying for the bi-annual scholarship contest don't have to live within the San Diego area. Any potential or current college or university undergraduate student within the United States or Canada is able to apply. Furthermore, applicants from any major are able to apply.

The next submission deadline for essays is May 1, 2018. For contest requirements or for more information about the scholarship, visit IEI's [scholarship web page](#).

About Ivey Engineering

IEI is an expert witness and building systems consulting firm in San Diego, California. Established in 1994, Ivey Engineering services clients in over 40 states and in several Canadian provinces. IEI's consultants have experience in the design, construction, service and repair of HVAC, plumbing, fire sprinkler, fire alarm and life safety systems, as well as energy-efficiency related issues. To read more about Ivey Engineering and its consulting services, visit the company's [website](#).

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