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**IAPMO Scholarship Essay Competition:
“How Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Can Help Save the World”**

Ontario, Calif. (Oct. 12, 2009) – The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), a worldwide organization of dedicated professionals striving to make our planet a safer and healthier place in which to live, will award scholarships to five young people affiliated with IAPMO and many of its industry partners as prizes in its first-ever essay competition.

The theme for the contest, established by the IAPMO Board of Directors, is “How Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Can Help Save the World.” In light of IAPMO’s ambitious outreach programs and work in India, Africa, South America and China, this topic reflects the global implications of the plumbing and mechanical trade and its response to a changing environment.

“With IAPMO’s emphasis on clean air, water and sustainable energy, its members have become the frontline warriors in a battle for the very existence of the Earth itself,” said GP Russ Chaney, IAPMO executive director. “Whether you call it global warming, climate change or just cyclical fluctuations in the planet’s ecosystem, the work IAPMO does saving water, energy and promoting health has an immediate effect on every human being on this planet.”

These scholarships are open to members — and their children — of IAPMO, PHCC, MCAA, the UA and ASSE who are currently enrolled in a high school, community college, trade school, four-year accredited college or university or working in an apprentice program.

Submitted essays must be completely original and a minimum of 1,000 words. The essay entry deadline is April 1, 2010, via e-mail, fax or mail to IAPMO World Headquarters. The winning essay will be announced next September at the 2010 IAPMO Education and Business Conference in Seattle. The essay awarded first prize will be published in the award-winning *Official* magazine and on the IAPMO Website and its author will receive a \$500 scholarship and a one-year paid membership to IAPMO. Second place winner will receive a \$250 scholarship and three third place winners will each receive a \$100 scholarship. All winning essays will also be published in *Official*, IAPMO’s membership magazine, and on the IAPMO Website.

Individuals who meet the qualifications to submit an essay to the competition should include your name, your school’s name and yours or your parent’s professional affiliation with one of the qualifying trade associations or union locals. All essays should be sent to Ms. Gabriella Davis at IAPMO by e-mail at gaby.davis@iapmo.org; by fax at (909) 472-4222; or by standard mail to her attention at IAPMO, 5001 E. Philadelphia St., Ontario, CA 91761.

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