

**ESAB / VICTOR 2019 “RULERS OF THE FLAME”
STUDENT CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES**

NO PURCHASE IS NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN THIS CONTEST. A PURCHASE WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR CHANCE OF WINNING.

ELIGIBILITY:

This Contest is open to students who at the time of entry are enrolled in a welding instructional program at a secondary, post-secondary, technical, or vocational school located in the fifty (50) United States or the District of Columbia and Canada (except the Province of Quebec). Professional welders and employees (and their immediate families or those living in the same household) of ESAB Welding and Cutting Products (“Sponsor”), and its respective affiliates, subsidiaries, divisions, parent and related companies, suppliers, printers and advertising, promotional and judging agencies are not eligible to enter or win.

CONTEST THEME: VICTOR “RULERS OF THE FLAME” Student Contest. Entrants will demonstrate or describe how oxy-fuel processes (cutting, heating, welding, brazing) and working with oxy-fuel equipment:

- Shapes your character
- Affects your daily life or the lives of others
- Influences something about which you are passionate
- Empowers your career as professional

HOW TO ENTER: Contest begins at 12:01 a.m. CDT on August 30, 2019 and ends at 11:59 p.m. CDT on December 2, 2019. Entrants may participate in one of the following two categories in this Contest.

(a) Individual Category: Essay. To enter, students must submit an Essay supporting one or more aspects of the Contest Theme (see above). The Essay must contain no more than 500 words and must be the original creation of the student and not previously published or subject to any claims of copyright by any third party. The winning essays will be determined based on the following criteria: originality (25%); creativity (25%); and adherence to the Contest Theme (50%) by a panel of independent judges selected by Sponsor.

The Essay may not contain material that is inappropriate, indecent, obscene, hateful, defamatory, slanderous or libelous. Also, the Essay must not promote bigotry, racism, harm or hatred against any group of individual or promote discrimination. The appropriateness of all Essays will be determined solely by Sponsor, whose decisions are final. Sponsor reserves the right to reject any Essay it deems inappropriate for any reason. The students must also complete and submit an online entry form available at

www.esab.com/rulerscontest that identifies the student's name, address, age and the name and address of the school he or she attends.

(b) Team Category: Metal Fabrication Project. A group of students (no fewer than two and no more than five) may enter this category by submitting and documenting a Team Metal Fabrication Project that must clearly incorporate an oxy-fuel equipment process (cutting, heating, welding or brazing) as one or more of the fabrication steps. Further, the project must incorporate the official Rulers of the Flame logo, with its outline cut out of a metal plate using the oxy-fuel cutting process and following the cut paths marked on the template provided in Appendix A; minimum size of plate must be 6" x 6" x 1/8 in. thick; no maximum size. The plate may be further enhanced after cutting, but the exterior cut path must be followed and the entirety of the cut must be made using an oxy-fuel torch.

A welding or metal fabrication instructor employed by the student's school must supervise the Team. The instructor and students must complete and submit an online entry form available at www.esab.com/rulerscontest that identifies each team member's name, address, age and the name and address of the school he or she attends and the name of the supervising welding instructor. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify or reject any Project it deems inappropriate for any reason.

The winning Team Project will be determined based on the following criteria:

- Completion of the welding and cutting Project (i.e., have all final fabrication steps been completed) (10%);
- Creativity (i.e., how unique, artistically expressive or innovative is the Project) (10%);
- Documentation of work (i.e., photographs, drawings and/or illustrations of Project progression and completion) (10%);
- Quality of presentation (i.e., do the plans or documentation, which must accompany the entry, define in detail the Project built, its dimensions, building materials and overall purpose; does the Plan and/or documentation clearly specify how one or more welding and oxy-fuel processes were used to build the Project (25%);
- Adherence to the Contest Theme (25%); does the Plan or documentation describe how students worked as a team to develop, design and build the project (10%);
- Did they seek and gain input from their instructor (encouraged) (10%).

Videos/photos of project documentation sent with your entry should show oxy-fuel equipment in use and utilizing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), and may include testimonials or comments regarding the use of the equipment by students and instructors. Feel free to share your work in progress online at [#rulersoftheflame](https://twitter.com/rulersoftheflame).

All entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. CDT of the last date of the Contest, i.e., December 2, 2019. All entries become property of the Sponsor and will not be returned.

PRIZES AND APPROXIMATE RETAIL VALUE:

Cash Awards for Students: There will be three (3) Individual Essay Prizes awarded. Each Individual Essay Prize consists of a cash award of \$250 and a Victor Medalist 350 Outfit.

There will be three (3) Team Prizes awarded. Each Team Prize consists of a cash award of \$250 for each member of the team and a Victor Medalist 350 Outfit (having a total cash award value from \$500 to \$1,250 per team, based on allowable team size).

Equipment Package Awards to Schools: There will be six (6) Equipment Package Awards given to Schools; one for each School that has an Individual winner or winning Team entry. The Equipment Package Award consists of:

- 2 Victor Journeyman EDGE 2.0 Outfits
- An assortment of Victor tips for cutting various thicknesses of metal
- 1 Thermal Dynamics Cutmaster 60i Manual Plasma System
- 1 ESAB Rebel EMP 235ic Welding System
- 2 Sentinel helmets
- 6 pair MIG gloves and 6 pair TIG gloves

If any of the six winners (Individual Essay or Team) are attending the same school, the school will only receive one (1) Equipment Package Award and the total number of awards to schools will be reduced accordingly.

Total Approximate Retail Value: \$8429 per school x 6, or \$50,574.

PRIZE CONDITIONS: No substitution for any prize will be permitted. If necessary due to unavailability of a Prize, a prize of equal or greater value will be awarded at the discretion of Sponsor. Prizes are not transferable, assignable or redeemable for cash. To be confirmed as winners, selected entrants will be required to execute and return an Affidavit of Eligibility and Publicity/Liability Release within fifteen (15) days of issuance. Failure to return all required documents in this time period may result in the selected entrant being disqualified and an alternate entrant selected. If a prize notification is returned to Sponsor as undeliverable or if an entrant is found to be ineligible or declines acceptance of the Prize for any reason, an alternate entrant will be selected.

By entering this Contest and/or accepting a Prize, Winners hereby consent (except where prohibited by law) to the reasonable use by Sponsor of their name, age, home town address, essay and Team Project entries, photographs, voice, likeness and/or image, form without any further compensation for any future promotional activity related to this Contest.

CONDUCT OF PARTICIPATION: By entering the Contest, entrant affirms that he or she has read and agrees to abide by the Official Contest Rules and the decisions of judges and Sponsor, which are final and binding in all matters related to the Contest. Sponsor

reserves the right to disqualify any entrant acting in violation of the Official Rules or found tampering with the entry process or with the operation of the Contest or the website. The Contest is governed by the laws of the United States and, by entering, all entrants and Winners hereby submit to the jurisdiction and venue of the federal, state and local courts located in St. Louis, Missouri. ANY ATTEMPT BY AN ENTRANT OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL TO DELIBERATELY DAMAGE ANY WEB SITE RELATED TO SPONSOR OR THE CONTEST OR UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THE CONTEST MAY BE IN VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS, AND SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE MADE, SPONSOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES FROM SUCH ENTRANT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY: Sponsor and each of its respective affiliates, subsidiaries, parent corporations, and their respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees and agents, are not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate entry information, theft, tampering, destruction, or unauthorized access to, or alteration of entries; printing or other errors; and any entries or mail which are late, lost, delayed, incomplete, misdirected, stolen, mutilated, illegible, postage due or any combination thereof. Sponsor reserves the right to modify, suspend or terminate the Contest in the event that it becomes necessary due to circumstances beyond Sponsor's control. In the event the Contest is terminated early, winners will be selected from all eligible entries received at the time of termination.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY: By participating, entrants and Winners agree to release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless Sponsor and each of its respective affiliates, subsidiaries, parent corporations, and their officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents from and against any claims made by the Winner, entrants or any other third parties related in any way to the operation of this Contest, as well as any other claims, damages or liability due to any injuries, damages or losses (whether alleged, threatened, or actual) to any person (including death) or property of any kind resulting in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from acceptance, possession, misuse or use of any prize or participation in any Contest-related activity or participation in this Contest.

WINNERS LIST: For an Official Winners List (available after December 16, 2019) or a copy of these Official Rules, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: ESAB "Weld It Forward" Contest - WINNERS - or - OFFICIAL RULES (please specify), 181 E. Evans St., Suite 200, Florence, SC 29506. Vermont residents may omit return postage if requesting a set of Official Rules. All requests must be received by December 2, 2019. Official Rules also available at www.esab.com/rulerscontest.

ENTRANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION: Information collected from entrants on-line is subject to the Sponsor's Privacy Policy which can be found at www.esab.com. SPONSOR: ESAB Welding and Cutting Products, Inc., 181 E. Evans St., Suite 200, Florence, SC 29506. THIS CONTEST IS VOID IN QUEBEC AND WHERE PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED BY LAW.