

Scholarship Fund FAQ



Q. How much is awarded per student?

A. Non-renewable scholarships of \$1,000 and \$2,000 per year are awarded to students attending an accredited college, university, trade, vocational or technical school on a full-time basis. No NPGF awards can be used for graduate school.

Q. What is new in the 2019/2020 school year?

A. NPGF is offering two, \$1,000 scholarships for those applicants attending a technical, trade or vocational school pursuing HVAC, Plumbing, Gas fitting, Pipefitting, Electrical or Commercial Truck Driving. The Missouri Propane Gas Association has also designated one of its nine scholarships to a Missouri applicant pursuing a HVAC program at a trade, technical or vocational school. Such applicants should just complete the regular application to be considered for these awards.

Q. How many times can you win a scholarship?

A. The maximum number of times a student can be awarded is four times. And it does not have to be consecutively.

Q. Who is eligible?

A. Scholarships are available to children (natural born, stepchild, adopted, or children with legal guardians) of current employees of National Propane Gas Association (NPGA) or state propane gas association member companies. Parents that are employed by NPGA member companies must be directly involved in the production, transportation, marketing, or distribution of propane; supplying goods or services to NPGA member companies; or supplying propane appliances to propane consumers.

Q. What does Non-renewable mean?

A. A student must re-apply for a scholarship each year, regardless of their being selected the prior year.

Q. What are the requirements per applicant?

A. All candidates must meet the following criteria:

- *High school senior or undergraduate student with a grade point average of at least 2.6 on a 4.0 scale*
- *Be unmarried and under the age of 24 at the application deadline.*
- *Plans to be a full-time student for the upcoming school year in an undergraduate degree program by an accredited college or university, or enrolled in a vocational, trade or technical school.*
- *If a high school senior, he/she must submit one's ACT or SAT scores. A student can also go to the ACT or SAT web site and take a screenshot which shows the student's scores, student's name, test date, and name of the testing organization.*
- *Be a child of an employee of a National Propane Gas Association or state propane gas association member company. The parent's work must be directly involved in the propane industry.*

Note: When an affiliated state or regional association is a Platinum Donor, the employer must also be a member of that association for the applicant to be eligible for that state's award.

Q. What is the deadline?

A. The online application period begins annually on September 15 and ends annually on February 15 at 11:59 pm EST. Official Transcripts must be received by the February 20 date.

Q. What are the entry requirements?

A. The following data are required from each candidate:

- 1. A completed official online application by the 2/15/19 deadline.*
- 2. Official transcripts - high school (if a senior or gap year student) or college (if in or was in college).*
 - *Seniors in high school must have their first marking period listed showing fall semester classes and grades and their overall GPA with that semester included. College students must have fall grades and classes showing overall GPA. We require GPA to be shown on a 4.0 scale and ask school administrators to email scholarship@npga.org this GPA if the transcript does not list it in that format. It is also highly recommended that high schools send their school profile with the student's transcript. If dual-enrolled, have both high school and college transcripts sent.*

- *Official transcripts may be sent by U.S. mail (must be sealed envelope from the institution). They can be emailed or faxed by the school (not parent or student).*
3. *High School Seniors or gap year student must submit their ACT or SAT scores either through an official score report or a screen shot that shows the name the test, student's name, test date and test scores **or** an explanation as to why the student did not take such a test.*
 4. *The parent needs to authorize the release of family financial information and both parent and applicant must agree to the truthfulness of the application along with abiding by NPGF Scholarship Program rules.*

Q. When should my child apply?

A. If your child is a High School Senior, apply now for the 2019/20 academic year. If your child is a High School Junior, he/she should wait and apply on September 15, 2020 for their 2020/21 freshman year of college. Those currently in college should apply now for the 2019/20 academic year.

Q. How are applicants selected?

A. Criteria employed in judging the applications include, but not necessarily in order of priority, financial need, academic ability, completeness of application, activities/employment, and response to essay questions.

Q. How long has this been available?

A. Since its founding in 1994, the fund has awarded over \$1,636,000 in scholarships to over 1060 students.

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