



The **National Propane Gas Foundation Scholarship Fund** was established to foster education opportunities for the children of National Propane Gas Association (NPGA) member companies by offering scholarships to colleges or vocational/technical schools. Since its founding in 1994, the fund has awarded over \$1,636,000 in scholarships to over 1065 students. The fund provides annual scholarships in the amounts of \$1,000 and \$2,000. Donor levels are as follows:

- **Platinum:** Donors contributing \$50,000 - \$74,999. One or more annual scholarships totaling \$2,000 in the Donor's chosen name is guaranteed to a child of an employee of the donor, providing he or she meets the eligibility requirements. The donor may choose to provide one \$2,000 scholarship or two \$1,000 scholarships.
- **Platinum Plus:** With an additional donation of \$25,000, Platinum donors will receive an additional \$1,000 in scholarship funds. These funds can be used to award an additional \$1,000 scholarship or added to existing scholarships at the discretion of the donors.
- **Diamond:** Donors contributing \$50,000 – \$74,999. One or more annual at-large scholarships totaling \$2,000 will be guaranteed in the donor's chosen name. The donor may choose to provide one \$2,000 scholarship or two \$1,000 scholarships.
- **Diamond Plus:** With an additional donation of \$25,000, Diamond donors will receive an additional \$1,000 in scholarship funds. These funds can be used to award an additional \$1,000 scholarship or added to existing scholarships at the discretion of the donor.
- **Gold:** Donors contributing \$25,000 - \$49,999. Gold Donors can name a \$1,000 annual scholarship in their member company name, an individual name, an association's name or may choose to have an at-large scholarship. State associations may choose to have one \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a student from that association's state.
- **Silver:** Donors contributing from \$10,000 to \$24,999 towards an At-large scholarship.

**Contributions in any amount are welcome!**

The scholarships are financed by investment earnings on the endowment fund, which is specially earmarked and managed by the trustees of the National Propane Gas Foundation. The number of scholarships granted is upon the size of the endowment fund and the investment earnings.

Scholarships are available only to children (natural born, stepchild, adopted, or children with legal guardians) of National Propane Gas Association (NPGA) or state propane gas association member companies. Parents that are employed by 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.

### **Scholarship Eligibility - All candidates must meet the following criteria:**

- High school senior or an undergraduate student with a grade point average of 2.6 on a 4.0 scale.
- 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 or technical school.
- 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.
- Be unmarried and under the age of 24 at the time of the application deadline.
- Must remain in good standing at any school.

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

### **Awards**

Non-renewable scholarships of \$2,000 and \$1,000 per year will be awarded to students attending an accredited college, university, or trade, technical or vocational school on a full-time basis. Scholarships will be paid to the comptrollers of the schools the scholarship winners will attend.

### **Deadline**

Applications must be completed online via the NPGA website, [www.npga.org](http://www.npga.org). The application period begins annually on September 15 and ends annually on February 15. **The completed online application and all required supporting documents must be received at NPGA by February 15.** Applicants are required to provide family financial information as indicated on the online application form.

### **Scholarship Selection**

Criteria employed in judging the applications include, but not necessarily in order of priority, financial need, academic ability, completeness of application, civic activities, participation in extra-curricular activities, and employment history (if any). The NPG Foundation Scholarship Fund Selection Committee has sole authority for granting scholarship awards. All selections are considered final. All applications and attachments become the property of the NPG Foundation Scholarship Committee. Selections are made mid-April. Those selected for scholarships and those who are not will be notified as soon as possible after the selections are made.

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