



Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for your interest in the National Propane Gas Foundation (NPGF) Scholarship Program! Since 1994, the NPGF Scholarship Fund has awarded more than two million dollars in scholarships to 1400+ children of NPGA member company employees.

Q: Who is eligible to apply for a NPGF scholarship?

A: To be eligible, applicants must be:

- *The child of a full-time employee at a National Propane Gas Association (NPGA) or state association member company or the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC). The parent's work 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; and*
- *A high school senior or an undergraduate student with a grade point average of at least 2.6 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent); and*
- *A full-time student in the upcoming school year in an undergraduate degree program at an accredited college or university or enrolled in a certificate or one- or two-year degree program at an accredited vocational, technical or trade school, pursuing one of the following propane-related fields: Commercial Truck Driver; Electrician; Gas Fitter; HVAC Technician; Pipe Fitter; Plumber; and*
- *Be unmarried and under the age of 24 at the time of the application deadline.*

Q: How do I apply?

A: The online application opens on December 15 and closes on February 15 of the next year at 11:59 pm Pacific Standard Time.

NPGF uses CommunityForce, an application management software platform and applications are only accepted online through CommunityForce. You do not need to complete the application in one sitting; you can save your work and go back to it later. Please keep your login credentials after you submit your application, as you will need to re-access the system if you are selected to receive a scholarship.

Q. I received an award last year. Can I apply again?

A. Yes. Even if you received an award in the past, you may re-apply every year that you meet the eligibility requirements, and you may receive an award for up to four years. Awards do not need to be consecutive.

Q. How are applicants selected?

A. Criteria employed in selecting scholarship recipients include financial need, academic merit, activities/employment, and response to essay questions. There is one application for all awards; it is designed to capture any additional criteria designated by the donor(s) and you will be considered for all scholarships for which you are eligible. Incomplete applications are disqualified.

Q: How will I hear if I was selected to receive an award?

A: All applicants will be notified of their status by email, typically in mid-May. Make sure you apply with an email that you check regularly and that will not expire (e.g., do not use a school-issued email address). We do not send notifications to applicants via text or regular mail, so please check your email – and please add scholarship@npga.org and admin@communityforce.com to your address book so you are sure to receive our communications.

Q: If I am awarded a scholarship, how do I receive the award and what does it pay for?

A: If you are selected to receive a scholarship, we will ask you to formally accept the award by completing a recipient questionnaire to provide us with a variety of follow-up information, including your school's address. Scholarship award checks are mailed over the summer directly to your educational institution, to be posted to your account and applied to tuition & fees and room & board for the academic year starting in the fall semester. The full award is divided into two equal payments, for the fall and spring semesters.

Q. How many scholarships do you award and how much are they?

A. NPGF awards more than 100 non-renewable scholarships, typically of \$1,000 and \$2,000, every year to students attending an accredited college, university, vocational, technical, or trade school on a full-time basis. Eligible vocational, technical, or trade school programs include HVAC, Plumbing, Gasfitting, Pipefitting, Electrical, or Commercial Truck Driving.

Questions? Contact us at scholarship@npga.org.