



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: Eligible applicants must be:

- *The **child** (biological, step, adopted, or under legal guardianship) of a full-time employee at a National Propane Gas Association (NPGA) or state association member company or the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC). Grandchildren or other relatives are not eligible. 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 full-time in a certificate or one- or two-year degree program at an accredited vocational, technical or trade school. Applicants may be pursuing **any course of study**; students pursuing a **propane-related technical field** (Commercial Truck Driver; Electrician; Gas Fitter; HVAC Technician; Pipe Fitter; Plumber) are especially encouraged to apply; and*
- *Unmarried and under the age of 24 at 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 online application management software platform. **The student creates a Community Force account and completes the application. Parents, please do not create an account or complete any part of the application for your child.** Applications do not need to be completed in one sitting; progress can be saved and completed later. Applicants should save login credentials, as those selected to receive a scholarship will need to re-access the system.

The application asks for:

- *the name of your parent's employer and its NPGA member company ID number;*
- *family income information;*
- *an official academic transcript indicating a GPA of at least 2.6;*
- *responses to three short essay questions*
- *information about your activities.*

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

A. NPGF awards more than 100 non-renewable \$1,000 and \$2,000 scholarships every year to students attending an accredited college, university, vocational, technical, or trade school on a full-time basis.

Q. I received an award last year. Do I need to apply again?

A. Yes, you need to re-apply. You may re-apply every year that you meet the eligibility requirements, and you may receive an award for up to four years.

Q. I did not receive an award last year. Can I apply again?

A. Yes. If you are not selected one year, you are encouraged to apply again, as each year the applicant pool changes.

Q. How are applicants selected?

A. Criteria employed in selecting scholarship recipients include financial need, academic merit, activities, and responses to essay questions. It is in your best interest to provide thoughtful, high-quality responses, with correct spelling and proper grammar.

The application 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 (employer-based, state-based, at-large, technical). Incomplete and ineligible applications are withdrawn from consideration.

Q: How will I be notified 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 address that you check regularly and that will not expire (e.g., avoid using a school-issued email address if you are about to graduate). 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. We communicate with parents only as a last resort!*

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 and complete a recipient questionnaire to provide us with a variety of follow-up information, including your school's address and your student ID. 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.

New in 2024, NPGF has streamlined the payment process. The full award will be paid in **one payment, for entire academic year. Schools typically then split the award over its academic calendar accordingly, e.g., fall and spring semester.*

Also new in 2024, NPGF will not require recipients to provide an updated GPA before receiving the award. A GPA of 2.6 is still the minimum **eligibility requirement. After being selected to receive an award, students must remain in good academic standing according to their school's policy.*

Questions? Contact us at scholarship@npga.org.