

Alabama Propane Gas Association

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

SECTION A **Selection Committee** — The APGA Scholarships, hereinafter referred to as “scholarship”, shall be chosen by a committee consisting of:

- 1) State Director to NPGA, Chairman
- 2) Safety & Education Committee Chair
- 3) Four District Directors
- 4) President of APGA
- 5) Immediate Past President - non-voting except in case of tie.

- Any Scholarship Committee member whose child is an applicant shall not be eligible to vote.
- Any Scholarship Committee member whose employee’s child is an applicant shall not be eligible to vote.
- Ineligible members will be replaced by appointees made by the executive director.
- The Committee shall meet no later than May 20th to view applications. Prior to May 20th, applications shall be screened to assure that all eligibility requirements have been met.
- The Committee will make no selection without a quorum (five committee members) being present.

SECTION B **Application** — Applications for the scholarships shall be submitted to the Executive Director of APGA and the Executive Director will mail blind copies to each committee member.

SECTION C **Eligibility** — Application for the scholarships shall be limited to:

- Children whose father or mother are full-time employees (30 hours or more per week) but non-officers of a company in good standing in APGA and who are currently working in sales, deliveries, service, manufacturing and/or administration in the propane industry and who have also been employed no less than one consecutive year in the industry prior to application.
- Full-time employees (30 hours or more per week) who are non-officers of a company in good standing in APGA and who are currently working in sales, deliveries, service, manufacturing and/or administration in the propane industry and who have also been employed no less than one consecutive year in the industry prior to application.
- The applicant must be a high school senior or high school graduate who is planning or is attending college or a technical school. **Transcripts for two previous years (either high school, college or a combination of both) and SAT/ACT scores must be attached to each application.**

SECTION D **Deadline** — Applications must be postmarked no later than May 1st. If no eligible candidate has applied, the scholarships will not be awarded.

SECTION E **Granting Scholarships** — The scholarships will be awarded in the amount of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) per year, for one year only. Applicants may re-apply for the scholarship, but only two

recipients will be selected each year. The scholarships will be paid in equal amounts each quarter, or semester, according to school requirements. It will be paid to the recipients and the schools of their choice after receiving proof of acceptance and registration. Applicants must maintain an cumulative grade point average of 3.0, B, or 86, and must submit transcript each quarter/semester to the Association.

SECTION F **Funding the Scholarships** — Monies collected for the scholarships shall be held in an interest bearing account overseen by the APGA Board of Directors. All contributions for the scholarship shall be made to the APGA Scholarship Fund. Billing for Auction purchases or other fund-raising activities shall show “contribution to APGA Scholarship Fund”.

The APGA Scholarship Fund is intended to be self-supporting. However, if all other sources of income should fail to provide the annual monies needed, the balance shall be taken from the APGA General Fund.

SECTION G **Additional Eligibility** — To be eligible for the Alabama Propane Gas Association scholarship, an applicant must submit the following credentials to the Scholarship Committee by the May 1st deadline:

- 1) Completed application for the APGA scholarship.
- 2) Official transcripts for the last two years including SAT/ACT scores.
- 3) Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from the applicant’s high school counselor/principal/teacher or college advisor/dean.
- 4) A letter from the applicant, stating why he/she wants the scholarship, what his/her plans are for a future career, and what his/her financial need is.
- 5) A descriptive list of significant honors received and of achievements accomplished during the last several years as well as activities you are involved in.
- 6) Enrollment Certification from college or university or letter where applicant has been accepted.

SECTION H **Point System** — The applicant will be judged by the point system as follows: 60 points for Scholarship Application

- 1) 10 Points - Honors/Achievements
- 2) 10 Points - Activities
- 3) 10 Points - SAT/ACT Scores
- 4) 10 Points - Statement of Purpose
- 5) 10 Points - Letters of Recommendation
- 6) 10 Points - Financial Need

APPLICATION FOR APGA SCHOLARSHIP

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ C/S/Z: _____

DAYTIME PHONE #: () _____ EVENING PHONE #: () _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ DATE OF H.S. GRADUATION: _____
MONTH/DAY/YEAR MONTH/YEAR

HIGH SCHOOL: _____
NAME CITY STATE

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GRADES 9-12): _____

COLLEGE ATTENDING/PLANNING TO ATTEND: _____
HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED: YES / NO

MAJOR: _____

HAVE YOU MADE APPLICATIONS FOR OTHER GRANTS OR SCHOLARSHIPS: YES / NO

*IF YES AND YOU HAVE BEEN AWARDED A GRANT OR SCHOLARSHIP, PLEASE LIST ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER THE NAME OF THE SCHOLARSHIP(S) AND THE AMOUNT(S).

NAME OF PARENT EMPLOYED IN THE PROPANE INDUSTRY: _____

EMPLOYED BY: _____ CITY: _____

POSITION HELD: _____ LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT: _____

DAYTIME PHONE #: () _____ EVENING PHONE #: () _____

TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME: ___ \$0-19,999 ___ \$60,000-79,999
 ___ \$20,000-39,999 ___ \$80,000-99,999
 ___ \$40,000-59,999 ___ \$100,000 or more

Each applicant must provide all of the following to be considered for a scholarship:

- 1) Completed application for the APGA scholarship.
- 2) Official transcripts for the last two years including SAT/ACT scores.
- 3) Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from the applicant's high school counselor/principal/teacher or college advisor/dean.
- 4) A letter from the applicant, stating why he/she wants the scholarship, what his/her plans are for a future career, and what his/her financial need is.
- 5) A descriptive list of significant honors received and of achievements accomplished during the last several years as well as activities you are involved in.
- 6) Enrollment Certification from college or university or letter where applicant has been accepted.

Deadline: Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 1, 2012**. If no eligible candidates have applied, the scholarships will not be awarded.

Applicant's Signature: _____

*Please remit Application and Documents to APGA at 173 Medical Center Drive, Prattville, AL 36066
Telephone: 334-358-9590 Fax: 334-358-9520*

ENROLLMENT CERTIFICATION

TO: ADMISSIONS OFFICER

I am seeking scholarship assistance from the Alabama Propane Gas Association. The deadline for receiving applications is May 1st. All applications must be in the Association office by the deadline and must be accompanied by an enrollment certification. Please complete the information below and return to me as soon as I have been accepted or fax to the number below.

Signed _____
(Scholarship Applicant)

TO: Alabama Propane Gas Association Scholarship Committee

1. This is to certify that _____ has been accepted for enrollment in
(Scholarship Applicant)

(Name of Course)

2. We understand that a scholarship grant is only payable to the School for credit to the student's account. Make scholarship checks payable to:

(School)

(Department)

(Street or P.O. Box)

(City, State, Zip Code)

(Signed)

(Title)

(Date)

Forms may be returned to APGA by fax: 334-358-9520.