

COUNTY OF ELK NATURAL GAS
SHALE INDUSTRY ANNUAL
SCHOLARSHIP

The County of Elk is allocated funding annually from the PA Act 13 (Impact Fee) from Marcellus Shale gas extraction. Due to the receipt of this allowance, the Commissioners of Elk County are happy to announce that we will award two (2) \$5,000 grant scholarships annually to scholars from Elk County who will be attending college to earn a degree in the natural gas shale industry.

To be eligible for consideration, the following criteria will be used to select scholarship recipient(s):

- Student must be a citizen of the United States and be a resident of Elk County;
- Student must intend to enroll in a full-time, matriculated program in an approved college or career school in the field of the natural gas shale industry;
- Student must provide a letter of recommendation from an appropriate source: high school teacher, principal, guidance counselor, job supervisor, clergy, character reference;
- Student must submit a 200-word (minimum) essay stating why you think the natural gas shale industry is important and why you wish to enter the field;

Scholarship disbursement will be as follows to each of the two grantees: \$2,500 will be awarded on September 30 of the current year, and the remaining \$2,500 will be awarded upon submission of the first semester grading report. Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the student must show proof of acceptance/enrollment at the educational institution. All scholarship grants shall be paid only to the education institution attended by the recipient, not to the recipient directly.

Applications may be requested at the Elk County Commissioners Office, 300 Center Street, Ridgway, PA 15853, or by phoning the Commissioner's Office at 776-1161. Completed applications must be submitted to the Commissioner's Office (either in person or by mail) no later than 4:00 p.m., May 30, of the current year, **no exceptions**. All applications will be kept confidential; the recipient will be chosen by the Board of Elk County Commissioners. The Board will not discriminate against any person in the selection process on the basis of age, race, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, handicap, or political or economic perspectives.

COUNTY OF ELK - SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name of Student _____
Address and Phone Number _____

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____
(does not apply for adult candidates)

Name of High School _____ Course of Study _____

Name and phone number of most current place of employment

Hobbies/Activities _____

Community/Church Activities _____

Special Awards/Honors _____

SAT Scores: Verbal ___ ___ Math ___ ___ Class Rank ___ ___ Grade Point Avg. ___ ___

College You Plan to Attend _____

Have You Been Accepted? _____ (Please attach copy of acceptance)

Address and Phone Number of College _____

College Major _____

Finances: Estimated annual college expenses for the upcoming year:
Tuition \$ _____ Books \$ _____ Room/Board \$ _____ Other \$ _____

Explain any special financial need you or your family may have at this time _____

Would you say character or a career is more important and why? (You may answer on the back of this sheet).

I understand that if offered an award, I must be enrolled or accepted as a full-time student in order to receive the award. I give permission to have information about this award shared with the public. I attest that the information given in this application is true and accurate. To qualify for consideration, I have submitted the application form, letter of recommendation, copy of SAT scores, copy of college acceptance letter and my 200-word (minimum) essay.

Signature _____