2023/2024 SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

Section 1 – General Scholarship Overview

The Appalachian Pipeliners Association's (APA) mission is to help grow and support the pipeline industry in the northeastern United States. The APA supports this mission in various ways, including providing scholarships to support the postsecondary educational opportunities of the APA's general membership and their relatives. Funds for the scholarships are raised from the APA's membership fees and monthly dinner meetings/outings completed throughout the year. The APA's Board of Directors (BOD) then grants a portion of the funds for annual scholarship usage.

Scholarships will be granted for use during the 2023/2024 academic school year to students pursuing Associate's, Bachelor's and Graduate degrees, as well as students pursuing Vocational or Trade School degrees/certifications. The APA's Scholarship Committee (ASC) completes administration of the scholarship. *The final number of scholarships and amount of each scholarship awarded will be at the discretion of the ASC.*

The ASC's primary goal is to administer and award the scholarship in an objective and impartial manner. Scholarship applicants will be judged based on their academic achievement, outstanding need, genuine interest in pursuing a career in the oil and gas industry, participation in extracurricular activities/community service, work/military experience, letter of recommendation, and scholarship applicant interview. *The ASC will not grant any advantage, deny benefits, or unfairly exclude any student from participation in the program based on race, color, sex, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, marital status, political affiliation, creed or religious beliefs, family, social or cultural background.*

The scholarship eligibility requirements, instructions for downloading and submitting the scholarship application, and other related information are described below. Scholarship applicants should thoroughly read the entire scholarship overview and application instructions before completing and submitting the scholarship application.

Questions about the scholarship requirements, application, or other general questions about the scholarship should be emailed to the ASC at scholarships@appalachianpipeliners.org.

Section 2 – Eligibility Requirements

1. Student must be a current U.S. Citizen.

2. Student must demonstrate a strong interest in pursuing a career in the oil and natural gas industry.

3. Students pursuing a Vocational or Trade School degree/certification must:

   a. Have at least a 2.8 GPA or greater on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent academic standing within the student's program.

4. Undergraduate students pursuing an Associate's or Bachelor's degree must:

   a. Be enrolled in a two-year or four-year undergraduate program for the Fall 2023 school semester, or be accepted and entering the first year of a two-year or four-year undergraduate program in the Fall 2023 school semester.

   b. Have at least a 2.8 GPA or greater on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent academic standing within the student's program.

5. Graduate students must:

   a. Be entering the first or higher year of a graduate program in the Fall 2023 school semester.

   b. Have at least a 2.8 GPA or greater on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent academic standing within the student's program, if entering the second or higher year of a graduate program.

Section 2 – Eligibility Requirements (continued)

6. <u>Student must meet **one (1)** of the following criteria:</u>

    a. Be a <u>current APA member</u> whose dues are paid for the current APA calendar year.

    b. Be a <u>sponsored relative (child, grandchild, sibling, niece/nephew) of a current APA member</u> whose dues have been paid for the current APA calendar year.

7. Student cannot be a member of the ASC or a relative of an ASC member during the period of September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2024.

8. Students are only eligible to receive a maximum of four (4) scholarships from the APA.

Section 3 – Application Submission Instructions / Deadline

1. The scholarship application can be downloaded at the application link listed on the APA scholarship web page (https://www.appalachianpipeliners.org/scholarships.php).

2. Scholarship applications must be emailed to scholarships@appalachianpipeliners.org and received by **5pm EST on Friday, April 7, 2023.** Scholarship applicants should include <u>"APA Scholarship Application"</u> in the subject line of their submission email.

3. Submission emails should include a completed copy of the scholarship application and all required documentation requested in the application (i.e. transcripts, recommendation letters, proof of registration/acceptance for the Fall 2023 school semester or school year).

4. The scholarship application must be completely filled out. Applicants may provide specific information on separate documents as indicated in the scholarship application. Applicant is responsible to make sure additional documents clearly and thoroughly provides the information requested in the scholarship application.

Section 4 – Scholarship Review / Award Timeline

1. The ASC will review all of the scholarship applications and create a list of applicants to be interviewed. The number of scholarship applicants selected for interview will be at the ASC's discretion.

2. Scholarship applicants selected for interview will be notified via email and requested to travel to a location within the Greater Pittsburgh Area to complete the interview. If needed, interviews may be completed electronically via a web/video conference program (i.e. MS Skype). Scholarship candidates must complete an interview either in person or via web/video conference to be eligible for scholarship award.

3. Scholarship award notifications will be sent via email to the scholarship recipients on Friday, May 19, 2023. Final scholarship award will be contingent on receiving proof of registration/acceptance to the university/college indicated in the scholarship recipient's application.

4. Scholarship recipients are requested to attend the scholarship award ceremony to be held during the APA's monthly speaker/dinner meeting in June 2023. The meeting will be held in Canonsburg, PA 15317. The cost of the dinner and one (1) hotel room (if needed) will be provided by the APA for the scholarship recipients. Transportation to the meeting will be the scholarship recipient's responsibility. Scholarship recipients are highly encouraged to attend the scholarship award ceremony, but will still be eligible to receive the scholarship if unable to attend.

Section 4 – Scholarship Review / Award Timeline (continued)

5. <u>The full scholarship amounts offered will be made available for the student's usage in the Fall 2023 school semester or school year.</u> The ASC will contact each institution's appropriate office to transfer the scholarship funds to the

student's financial account.

6. The following is the planned timeline for the scholarship. All dates may be changed at the ASC's discretion.

    a. Scholarship applications due – Friday, April 7, 2023

    b. Interview notifications emailed – Friday, April 14, 2023

    c. Interviews completed – Friday, May 5, 2023

    d. Scholarship award notifications emailed – Friday, May 19, 2023

    e. Scholarship Award Ceremony – June 2023