

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## ENERGIZING OUR FUTURE

SoCalGas® believes that a well-educated workforce makes good business sense and is essential for a vital and economically healthy Southern California. The SoCalGas Scholarship Program encourages students to pursue higher education following high school.

Scholarships of \$5,000 will be awarded to selected high school graduates in the SoCalGas service territory, who will be attending an accredited four-year college or university.

## APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must be graduating seniors of an accredited public or private high school.
2. Students must enroll full-time beginning the fall semester of the current year.
3. High school graduates must have an overall grade point average of at least 3.0.
4. Applicants must have demonstrated strong community involvement.
5. Applicants must have a demonstrated financial need.
6. Students majoring in engineering, business, accounting and math will be given priority, but students majoring in other fields are not excluded from applying.
7. Children or dependents of elected or appointed officials are not eligible.
8. Children of employees of SoCalGas or any Sempra Energy company are not eligible.

## SELECTION AND VERIFICATION PROCESS

Representatives of SoCalGas throughout Southern California work with their communities and local organizations to identify and select scholarship recipients. SoCalGas has the final responsibility for selecting recipients, and decisions of SoCalGas are final.

The scholarship will be awarded for the fall semester or quarter of the current year, and it will be issued upon receipt of verification of full-time enrollment. Verification is due and must be received as soon as a student is enrolled, and in any event not later than September 1st (postmarks not accepted).

Awards will be issued through an independent scholarship administrator and mailed directly to students. The scholarship administrator will follow up with scholarship recipients to provide additional information regarding their awards.

**Forfeiture of Awards:** Students who do not complete the required information, who fail to submit verification of enrollment, who fail to enroll as full-time students or who fail to provide timely verification, may forfeit their awards. Due to budget limitations, SoCalGas cannot be required to hold over or delay awards from one academic term to another.

## PROGRAM LIMITS

1. SoCalGas reserves the right to change or terminate this program at any time, without notice.
2. SoCalGas is not responsible for lost applications, lost verification of enrollment or information or materials misplaced or delayed through the mail or other delivery processes.
3. Once submitted, all information and materials become the property of SoCalGas, and will not be returned. All information will be kept confidential in accordance with SoCalGas' standard business practice.
4. Children of elected or appointed local, county and state officials are not eligible.

## HOW TO APPLY

1. Carefully complete the application, listing all pertinent facts relating to your personal and academic achievements. Additional sheets of paper may be attached.
2. Request a copy of your official transcripts from your school. Official transcripts must be signed and embossed.
3. Enclose with your application a recent photo of yourself, such as your school photo, preferably a color head shot measuring at least 3x5 inches. This photo may be used in internal and external articles if you are a recipient.
4. Return the completed application and all other information, including the official transcript and photo, to the SoCalGas representative listed on the application. Applications must be returned no later than May 1st unless, prior to such date, the applicant requests an extension in writing and SoCalGas approves such request in its sole discretion.
5. For more information, please contact your local SoCalGas Regional Public Affairs manager.

## **RELEASE REGARDING PHOTOS OF APPLICANT**

By applying for this scholarship, the applicant and/or parent/guardian irrevocably releases and grants to SoCalGas any residual, moral or legal rights in and to the photographs, images or pictures, including all negatives or forms of media used, taken by either of them in connection with this scholarship application.

The utilization rights granted hereby shall include all future rights of use by SoCalGas (including its parent, subsidiaries and affiliates), and its advertising representatives, at any time hereafter. Such uses may include various advertising, training, publicity, promotional and other uses regarding SoCalGas and its activities, and may appear in any form of media – including print, video, motion picture, still photographs, Internet postings and other electronic formats, or be otherwise reproduced.

Materials relating to the applicant may be combined with other materials related to such uses, including other applicants, customers or employees of SoCalGas (or its parent or affiliates).

# APPLICATION FORM

Original application must be submitted on or before May 1st (postmark not accepted). Illegible or incomplete applications will be disqualified. Type or print all information except signatures.

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

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First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Address

Unit Number

Address 2

City

State

ZIP Code

Phone Number (xxx-xxx-xxxx format)

Email Address

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy format)

## OPTIONAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION

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Gender:    Male    Female

Race and Ethnicity:    Alaskan Native    American Indian    Asian, Pacific Islander or East Indian

African American    White    Hispanic

Other

Please check this box if you are a first generation student to attend a college or university.

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**PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

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First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Relationship to Applicant Phone Number

**HIGH SCHOOL DATA**

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School Name Anticipated or Completion Date (xx/xxxx)

City State Phone Number

Counselor's Name Phone Number

Applicant's Overall GPA:

**POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL DATA**

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Name of post-secondary school you plan to attend. (If unknown, please list in order which you have applied.)  
Use official school names. **DO NOT USE ABBREVIATIONS.**

School Name City State

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Four-year College or University Other, explain

Major Course of Study: Anticipated or Completion Date (xx/xxxx)

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## ESSAY

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Please attach a typed essay that answers the following questions:

- What are your long-term goals and career objectives? (up to 250 words).
- What is your financial need for this award? How will this award be used to support your educational goals? (up to 250 words).
- Please choose one of the following questions to answer (up to 250 words):
  - 1) Roughly 80% of California's methane comes from agriculture and other waste. California has set the aggressive goal of reducing methane emissions by 40% by 2030. What innovations or technologies do you feel can help us reach our state's methane reduction goals?
  - 2) Diesel trucks are the largest contributors of regional air pollution. What clean energy fuel solutions do you feel could help us significantly reduce air pollutants?

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/VOLUNTEER SERVICE

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List at least one and up to three agencies or organizations in which you have participated without pay during the last three years (religious groups, hospital volunteer, cultural activities, outreach programs, etc.). Enter total hours per activity over the last three years. Do not use acronyms.

Service Description	Start Date	End Date	Total Hours
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## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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List up to five activities in which you have had the most involvement during the last four years (school clubs, student government, publications, varsity or club sports, theater arts, scouting, etc.). Do not use acronyms.

Activity	No. of Years Participating	Special Awards and Honors	Offices Held
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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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List at least two jobs you have held the longest (foodservice, office work, babysitting, lawn mowing, etc.). Do not use acronyms.

Employer Name	Position	Start Date	End Date	Average hrs/wk
Contact Name	Contact Email		Contact Phone Number	
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Contact Name	Contact Email		Contact Phone Number	

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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Completed Student Application    Essay    Photo    Official Transcript(s)

Deadline is May 1st unless otherwise specified. Student is responsible for submitting all materials on time. All materials must be returned to the local SoCalGas representative listed below.

## CERTIFICATION

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We, the applicant and the applicant's parent or guardian (high school applicants only), hereby certify that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements of the program as described, and that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of our knowledge. We also agree to the scholarship application rules and terms of the Release regarding photos submitted with this application. If requested, we agree to give proof of information given on this form. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. (It is recommended that you keep a copy for your files.) We understand that failure to meet all requirements after the awarding of a scholarship may result in forfeiture of the awarded scholarship.

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Applicant Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

**Return to:**