



2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Dear Student Applicant,

The American Petroleum Institute San Joaquin Valley Chapter awards scholarships to young men and women who wish to pursue a career in the petroleum industry or a closely related field. These scholarships are awarded to hard working, dedicated and deserving students who are graduating high school seniors who will be attending college in the fall. When submitting your applications for consideration, we expect students to be straightforward and sincere.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

1. Scholarship Application Data Sheet (attached): You may organize the information required on the Data Sheet in resume form if you wish.
2. Letters of Recommendation: A minimum of two and a maximum of three ***recent*** letters. A school instructor who is familiar with your current academic accomplishments should submit at least one of these.
3. Academic Transcript: Must be on high school/college/university letterhead. Please submit current or most recent transcript showing courses taken and grades earned during the past two years.
4. Proof of Enrollment: Recipient must be enrolled as a full-time student (12 or more credit hours) at an accredited college or university. Proof of enrollment must be received prior to disbursement of scholarship funds but is not required at the time of submittal of the scholarship application.
5. Essay: Please submit a short essay of approximately *500 words for two essay questions* and *200 words for the informational question* that are found later in the application.
6. Email Documents: Applications will be required to be emailed to all committee members. Scan and attach all documents in .pdf format. Transcripts and letters of recommendations can be sent via U.S. Mail if needed. If it is necessary that you need to mail the application, we will accept it, but the preference is by email. For any hardships, please contact the Scholarship Committee Chair below.



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APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Applications must be received no later than Wednesday, March 31, 2021. Post mark dated March 31, 2021, if received by mail to below address. Hand delivered by 4:00 pm to address below. Email by 11:59 pm to email addresses below. Again, email is preferred.

Scholarship recipients will be contacted by Wednesday, May 5th, 2021 by email.

Scholarship recipients, or their approved proxies, must be present on awards night, Tuesday, June 15, 2021. Information on dinner will follow.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

1. All information must be complete, accurate, and verifiable.
2. Recipient must be enrolled as a full-time student (12 or more credit hours) at an accredited college, university, or trade school and be a current resident of Kern County. Proof of enrollment is required prior to disbursement of funds, but not necessary at the time of scholarship application.
3. The selected essay questions must be addressed completely. The essays will be evaluated on content, grammar, organization, and originality.
4. Applications will be evaluated based upon the factors written above as well as current letters of recommendation, academics, community involvement, activities and relation to a member of the SJV Chapter of the API. Commitment to the oil industry.

Please note: Being related to an API member is not necessary to receive an API scholarship, nor does it guarantee you will receive one.

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION WITH OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS TO:

Mike Handren – Scholarship Committee Chair – mhandren@yahoo.com
James McClard - Scholarship Committee – james.mcclard24@gmail.com
Brian Burt - Scholarship Committee – brian.burt@sturgeonservices.com
Eric Bartz – Scholarship Committee – stephen.bartz@crc.com

Or by USPS mail to: Mike Handren
 12309 Ashentree Lane
 Bakersfield, CA 93312

We look forward to receiving your timely application. If you have any questions, please contact one of the committee members via email.



Please answer any two of the three essay questions below. Each question should be answered in a short essay of approximately 500 words.

Essay Question # 1:

Political forces seem to be trying to end the oil industry particularly in California, and in the U.S. in general. The oil and natural gas industry needs all its supporters to inform and amplify the voices of the industry on the issues that matter. What actions do you plan to take to demonstrate your commitment to supporting the energy industry and the issues that are affecting oil and natural gas development? Consider how you might need to be better equipped to be involved in the public policy process. What will you do to become more informed? How will you share your perspectives as a member of the oil and natural gas industry and what will you personally do to provide that insight to your family and friends?

Essay Question # 2:

Over the last several years, The United States of America has emerged as one of the super-powers of the world in the energy industry and achieved energy independence for the U.S. for the first time in decades. This has been characterized as particularly good for the U.S. national security. What does this mean to you? What does it mean to our country? Do you believe it is possible to sustain this energy independence? What will have to happen to sustain this position into the future? Are you aware of any actions to disrupt this energy independence? Why would some people in the U.S. want to disrupt this?

Essay Question # 3:

The Keystone XL Pipeline has recently been in the news as President Biden has cancelled the project. Why did he cancel a project that has been successfully environmentally reviewed for the last ten years? What was the intended purpose of this pipeline project and would it be good for the USA? Are there other factors that may be in competition with this project? What are the effects, impacts or consequences of this project cancellation?

Please answer the informational question below with a short essay of approximately 200 words.

Informal Informational Question:

Describe how your course of studies relates to the energy, oil, and gas industry and what your role will be after graduation. Explain your intended contributions to our industry.



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2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DATA SHEET

Name _____

Telephone # and e-mail _____

Mailing Address & Zip Code _____

High school attending (if applicable) _____

College/University attending in 2021-2022 _____

Current or Proposed College Major _____

Year in School _____ GPA: Last Term _____ Overall _____

Name of Academic Counselor _____

Academic Counselor Phone # _____

Activities: Use additional sheets if necessary. Include Educational Activities (Student Government, Clubs, Awards, Sports, etc.), Community Involvement (Volunteer Activities, Organizations, etc.), and any Petroleum/Professional Affiliations

SJV-API Chapter Member that you have a relationship with:

List any special considerations which you feel are pertinent. _____

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