

ILLINOIS PETROLEUM RESOURCES BOARD
2026 POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION OIL & GAS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application must be turned in no later than June 30, 2026.

*Recipient will receive up to \$7,000 per school year for ONE year. Recipient **must** reapply for subsequent years.*

The Illinois Petroleum Resources Board invites all high school graduates and GED recipients who will be attending a **2-4 YEAR COLLEGE OR TECHNICAL/TRADE SCHOOL** in 2026 to apply.

Please complete application in its entirety

Minimum Requirements:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen.
- Must have a career goal in the natural gas and oil industry.
- No age restrictions as long as applicant has a high school diploma or GED, or a HS Transcript showing completion through home schooling.
- Must be an Illinois resident.
- If awarded, must maintain an equivalent of a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN? YES _____ NO _____

ARE YOU EMPLOYED? YES _____ NO _____ IF YES, MAY WE CONTACT YOUR EMPLOYER? YES _____ NO _____

COMPANY NAME/CONTACT INFO: _____

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A STUDENT? YES _____ FULL-TIME _____ PART-TIME _____ NO _____

IF YES, WHERE? HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, TECHNICAL OR TRADE SCHOOL: _____

DATE OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION (MM/YYYY): _____ or DATE GED OBTAINED (MM/YYYY) _____

TRADE SCHOOL OR CERTIFICATE/DEGREE PROGRAM WISHING TO ATTEND _____

SKILL SET YOU ARE INTERESTED IN _____

CURRENT SKILL SET EXPERIENCE _____

EXPERIENCE IN OIL, GAS OR ENERGY INDUSTRY (if any) _____

HAVE YOU, OR ARE YOU PLANNING ON COMPLETING AN INTERNSHIP RELATED TO YOUR CAREER PATH?

YES _____ NO _____ IF YES, WHERE? _____

Below is a list of trades typical in the oil, gas and energy industries. Please check a trade(s)/degree you are interested in/pursuing.

☐ Welding ☐ Electrician ☐ Mechanic ☐ CDL ☐ Linemen ☐ Pipefitter ☐ Heavy Equipment Operator

☐ Other (Specify) _____ ☐ Assoc. or Bachelor's Degree (Specify) _____

Please attach (1) Letter of Recommendation:

Energy or trade professional, past/present educator or past/present employer

Please attach a short essay (100 words or less):

How would this scholarship benefit your life and/or career?

Certification and Signature of Applicant:

I certify that all information is true and accurate. I authorize independent verification. I understand that if I am awarded an Illinois Petroleum Resources Board Scholarship, information contained in this application may be released to the media.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Any questions can be directed to the email listed below.

Scan and email to: seth@iprb.org OR mail to Seth Whitehead, 2229 Lake Hills Drive, Vandalia, IL 62471