



The Dave Nelsen Annual Scholarship Award

Please send completed application to:
The National Association of Oil and Energy Service Professionals
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

A minimum of three (3) **\$5,000** scholarships will be awarded this year at the Eastern Energy Expo in May 2024.

Once a scholarship has been awarded, it will be paid directly to the school in which the student is either currently enrolled or will be enrolled in the fall. Under no circumstances will scholarship money be paid directly to a student.

Eligibility Requirements: In order to be considered to receive a scholarship, you must meet **ALL** of the following criteria. You must be:

1. Currently attending or planning to attend a **technical college or trade school** within the next 12 months. This includes technicians currently pursuing licensing or other advanced education.
2. Pursuing your education in the **HVAC-R or plumbing** field.
3. Enrolled or planning to enroll in a program with an **oil heat/Bio-Fuel** course as part of your overall curriculum.
4. In order to receive the scholarship, you must attend the OESP Awards Banquet on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7pm at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT. A hotel room will be provided for you at no charge. Extenuating circumstances may be considered but must be documented on a separate sheet of paper along with this application. Your signature on this application indicates your acceptance of this requirement.

Instructions:

1. You must complete all pages of this application.
2. Please tell us about yourself by writing a 500-word essay that includes your educational background. You will be evaluated on your grammar and spelling, please check your work. You must include the following topics:
 - a. Let us know how your background has prepared you for the success in your chosen field of study,
 - b. Tell us about your ambitions - What will you do after graduation and where you see yourself in the next 5-10 years.
 - c. Tell us about your outside interests, hobbies, accomplishments, sports, community work, etc.
 - d. Help us to understand your passion for the oil heat and/or energy industry and why you have chosen this industry as your career.
3. You **MUST** include a letter of recommendation from your HVAC or plumbing instructor or mentor. Applications received without a letter of recommendation will not be considered.
4. Submit this form along with **(1) your essay, (2) your letter of recommendation and (3) your completed form (four pages)** to the mailing or email address above, no later than **Monday, March 11, 2024**. **Applications received without an essay, letter of recommendation and all four pages of this application will not be considered.**
5. Optional: You may submit a short (3-5 minutes or less) personal video to speak of your interest in this scholarship and why you should be considered. Contact the Association office for submittal instructions.
6. The evaluation committee may contact you to clarify any questions on your application as needed. Please be sure to provide an email address and telephone number where you can be reached to schedule this interview.
7. Any questions, please call the Association office at 888-552-0900 or email lstrug@thinkoesp.org.



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PERSONAL INFORMATION PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Date of High School Graduation (or GED): _____

Name of School you plan to attend: _____

Address of the School: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Program of Study: _____

Your Current Year in this program: _____ How many total years in the program: _____

Level of Higher Education to be completed: (i.e. – Certificate, Associates or 4-year) _____

Contact at the Bursar's Office:

Name: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

If Employed, please provide employer's information. If not employed, simply state N/A:

Company Name: _____

Contact Name at the Company: _____

Company Address: _____

Company City, State, Zip: _____

Job Responsibilities: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

By signing above I certify that I am or plan to be enrolled in a two or four year program of study either now or in the fall. I understand that the scholarship money must be paid directly to the school to cover tuition. **I understand that I must attend the OESP Awards Banquet on Tuesday, May 21 at 7pm at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT.** I certify that everything in this application is true.



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OESP's mission is Education so we are interested in knowing what you have done so far to guide you toward the decision to work in the Oil and Energy Industry Field.

The information below should help you construct your 500-word essay that includes your educational background. You will be evaluated on your grammar and spelling, please check your work. Please touch upon the following topics:

1. Let us know how your background has prepared you for the success in your chosen field of study,
2. Tell us about your ambitions – What will you do after graduation and where you see yourself in the next 5-10 years.
3. Tell us about your outside interests.
4. Help us to understand your passion for the oil heat and/or energy industry and why you have chosen this industry as your career.

I am currently in:

- ☐ High School
- ☐ Trade School
- ☐ Working in the Trade

Technical Participation in High School & Beyond

- ☐ OESP (formerly NAOHSM) Convention
- ☐ Participation in sponsored competitions such as OESP's or through your school or events like Skills USA
- ☐ Military Experience
- ☐ Scouts

Industry Certificates

- ☐ NORA Bronze Certificate
- ☐ NORA Silver Certificate
- ☐ NORA Gold Certificate
- ☐ NATE Certificates
- ☐ BPI Certification

What interests you about our industry

- ☐ New Technologies
- ☐ Good Pay and Benefits
- ☐ Helping People
- ☐ I like to work with my hands
- ☐ Other: _____

Other Certificates of interest to us

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

How would **YOU** rate **YOUR** Leadership Skills? Choose one.

- ☐ Is looked up to by fellow students
- ☐ Will help out when asked
- ☐ Enjoy class but prefer working alone

How would **YOU** rate **YOUR** attitude?
Choose one.

- ☐ Outstanding – always willing to help
- ☐ Patient
- ☐ Prefer working alone and figuring out things by myself



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Please give this sheet to the person recommending you for this scholarship and return it with the recommendation letter and your completed application. Examples of people who qualify as recommenders: Instructor, Guidance Counselor, Employer, mentor or Clergy.

Please attach the personalized letter of recommendation to this page. **This sheet must be filled out and signed before turning in the application with the letter of recommendation.**

Name of the Applicant: _____

Recommender please complete below:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Company or School Name: _____

Relationship to the Applicant: _____

Signature: _____

Email: _____

Comments by Recommender:

To be completed by the person recommending you.

(check all that apply)

- ☐ Continually follows through on assignments or tasks
- ☐ Great Attitude
- ☐ Instructors or Supervisors continually praise his or her work ethic.
- ☐ Neat and Organized

Well Rounded Individual *(check all that apply and comment or provide brief details)*

- ☐ Community Involvement – Church or Civic _____
- ☐ Participated in an Oil Heat Cares Project _____
- ☐ Participated in Other Charitable Events _____
- ☐ Other comments _____