



## Dave Nelsen Scholarship Award for Students Seeking Qualifying Certifications

Please send completed application to:  
***The National Association of Oil and Energy Service Professionals***  
**Attn: Lisa Strug, Executive Director**  
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OESP will be offering scholarship to technical students seeking certifications for qualifying education up to a maximum of \$2,000. A maximum of five (5) grants will be awarded per year.

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

- You must apply for the scholarship a minimum of two weeks and a maximum of three months before the start of the class. Please allow at least two weeks for a response.
- The course must prepare you to enter the field of HVAC, propane or oil.
- You must present a detailed explanation of the class you wish to take and the benefits to you of the class, in your own words. Please include a separate sheet with this explanation.
- You may apply up to two times within twelve (12) months, to receive a maximum of \$2,000.
- Classes that may qualify:
  - A licensing fee does not qualify for reimbursement, but the courses to achieve the license do qualify.
  - Manufacturer training may qualify, please present for evaluation.
  - NORA education either onsite at a NORA location or at the EEE will qualify. The NORA exam fees do not qualify.
  - Certifications (present for evaluation)

### **Instructions:**

1. Please complete the pages 2-4 of this form.
2. Submit all pages of this form along with a detailed explanation of the class you wish to take and the benefits to you of the class.
  - Please include a course description including the content and number of course hours.
  - If you will earn any certification, please indicate that.
  - If you have it, please send a copy of the course brochure.
  - Please include the cost of the course
3. 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.
4. Include a letter of reference from an instructor, academic administrator or mentor.
5. Please mail or email this form, your essay and your letter of recommendation, to the address above.
6. The evaluation committee may call 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 call.
7. Reimbursement will be provided to you. Once you are approved for the grant, you should pay for the class. We will reimburse you upon completion of the course. You must provide proof of payment, attendance and passing of the course (if applicable). For a longer length course with a higher fee, please explain the circumstance and exceptions may be made for advance payment.
8. Any questions, please call the Association office at 888-552-0900 or email [lstrug@thinkoesp.org](mailto:lstrug@thinkoesp.org).

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment or current school: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of place of employment or school: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Certifications if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Courses completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Course Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of course hours: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your reason for taking this course? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the school or organization teaching the course: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of the School \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently receiving any reimbursement by others for this course?    Y    N    If Yes, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your detailed explanation of why you would like to take this course and essay on a separate sheet of paper and return along with this form.



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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

Please list any of the following that you would like us to know about:  
Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Sports: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Services: \_\_\_\_\_



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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 \_\_\_\_\_