Utah Energy Workforce Scholarship

Rules and Criteria

This document presents rules governing the administration and awarding of the Utah Energy Workforce Scholarship by the Governor’s Office of Energy Development (OED) in partnership with Chevron. Five scholarships for $4,000 will be awarded annually to students who intend to pursue a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) related course of study at a public or private institution of higher learning in Utah. Five scholarships for up to $2,000 will be awarded annually to students who intend to pursue a license, certificate, or skill training that supports the energy industry at a school that is part of the Utah System of Technical Colleges.
Application Process

VIDEO AND ESSAY
Students must submit a 5-minute documentary film, an essay, their contact information (name, email, and phone number), and a parent or guardian contact information (name, email, and phone number). Applications shall be submitted via email to Kevin Brooks of the Governor’s Office of Energy Development (kevinbrooks@utah.gov) by April 1.

The documentary film must explore Utah’s energy industry, highlight the energy workforce, and explore energy career opportunities. Students are encouraged to work with energy companies operating in Utah to coordinate site visits and/or interviews with employees. Topics may include the following: conventional or unconventional fossil fuel production or processing; alternative energy resources including nuclear and renewable resource development; energy efficiency or conservation technologies or programs; and finally, electricity and natural gas utility facilities and operations. Films must be created in a video format capable of being uploaded to YouTube.

Each film must be the original creation and work of the student. Students must obtain permission to enter any private property or otherwise restricted areas, and must comply with any and all laws, safety requirements, or other applicable rules and regulations while making the film.

Students must also submit an original essay of no more than two pages describing their educational goals and interest in STEM.

OED and Chevron shall not be liable to students for any loss or damage or personal injury to include death, howsoever caused arising out of the application process. Students waive any claims that they may have against OED and Chevron.

ELIGIBILITY
Eligible students must currently be a 12th grade student enrolled at any public or private high school in Utah. Students must certify their intent to pursue a STEM course of study at a public or private Utah institution of higher learning or a license, certificate, or skill training that supports the energy industry at a school that is part of the Utah System of Technical Colleges.

Examples of Eligible Technical College Programs and Schools

PROGRAMS
Automated Manufacturing Adv. Program
Drafting Construction Apprenticeship Program
Electrical
Electronic Engineering Technology Program
Fitting Technology: Pipe Fitting
Flux Cored Arc Welding (FCAW)
Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW)
Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW)
Machining Technology Program
Manufacturing Computer Aided Design
Manufacturing Industrial Automation
Manufacturing Machinist
Petroleum Technology
Pipe Welding Processes
Pre-Pipe Welding
PW Gas Tungsten Arc Pipe Welding
Shielded Metal Arc Pipe
Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW)
Welding Technology

SCHOOLS
Bridgerland Technical College
Davis Applied Technology College
Dixie Applied Technology College
Mountainland Applied Technology College
Ogden-Weber Applied Technology College
Southwest Applied Technology College
Tooele Applied Technology College
Uintah Basin Applied Technology College
Fortis (*not part of Utah Technical Colleges)
Applications will be scored against the following evaluation criteria:

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<td>Essay demonstrates a strong understanding of how the scholarship will help accomplish the goal of an energy or mineral career</td>
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<td>Film demonstrates strong understanding of energy topics and related facilities, workforce, and career opportunities</td>
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<td>Film provides objective and educational information about the energy or minerals topic</td>
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<td>Film captures any timely or relevant issues associated with the energy or minerals topic</td>
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<td>Film demonstrates high quality production value and creativity in exploring an aspect of Utah’s energy or minerals industry</td>
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<td>Essay clearly states the applicant’s energy or minerals career goals</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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Students will be notified by April 15 if they were selected to receive a scholarship. Scholarship recipients must agree to the requirements and conditions of the scholarship.

**SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING**

Scholarship recipients will be formally announced at the annual Utah Governor’s Energy Development Summit in May. Attendance is mandatory for scholarship recipients.

Scholarships will be deposited in the Utah Educational Savings Plan program, also known as a 529 plan, in an OED master account. Within the first 60 days of the scholarship offer, recipients must:
- Indicate which Utah university or technical college they plan to attend and what subject they plan to study
- Complete the required Form 106 Scholarship Account Agreement (provided by OED) to establish a sub-account

In order to obtain the scholarship, recipients must provide OED with proof of enrollment from their selected university or technical college and OED will transfer the funds through the recipient sub-account to the selected institution. University scholarships will be provided in two disbursements of funds. Technical college scholarships will be provided as a one-time disbursement.

Scholarship recipients may defer spending of their scholarship for up to 2.5 years or 30 months. Failure to use scholarships within 2.5 years or 30 months will result in a cancellation of the scholarship and refund to OED.

Scholarship recipients must also notify OED of their declared major once selected.
Questions concerning the scholarship fund and disbursement may be directed to:

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mpasker@utah.gov
801-538-8727

Questions concerning the scholarship submission and selection process may be directed to:

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