

Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund

Background Information:

The Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund, Inc., was established in the wake of the protracted litigation regarding helium processed from natural gas produced from the Hugoton Field in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Based on joint support from counsel for the producers, pipeline companies and helium companies involved in the helium litigation, the United States District Court for the District of Kansas, Wichita, Kansas and the District Court of Sedgwick County, Kansas jointly ruled on August 16, 1991, that approximately \$500,000 of settlement funds were "undistributable" to class members of the litigation.

The Courts further ruled that the remaining funds should be distributed to The Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund, Inc., a non-profit corporation established to grant scholarships to students who will be engaged in agricultural, environmental or energy related studies at an accredited college, university or junior college. Incoming college freshman from a 17-county area of Southwest Kansas, and the Panhandles of Oklahoma and Texas are eligible to apply. Only interest earned on the fund will be used to fund the scholarships. The eligibility requirements are detailed below.

Under the guidelines established by the Scholarship Fund Board, six incoming college freshmen from this area will be chosen to receive a \$1,000 scholarship. As long as the selected students maintain eligibility for the scholarship, they will be able to renew the scholarship each year during their undergraduate studies. The scholarships will be renewable for four years. The Fund will maintain twenty-four scholarships annually.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicant must be an incoming college freshman who is a resident of one of the following counties in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Kansas Counties

Hamilton
Kearny
Finney
Stanton
Grant
Haskell
Stevens
Seward
Morton

Oklahoma Counties

Texas
Beaver
Cimarron

Texas Counties

Moore
Sherman
Hansford
Ochiltree
Hutchinson

2. Applicant will be engaged in agricultural, environmental or energy related studies at any accredited college, university, or junior college.
3. Applicant will become an undergraduate student who is enrolled as a full-time student (minimum of 12 hours per semester).
4. Applicant will satisfy other nondiscriminatory academic and economic criteria as follows :

- A. Completed application form postmarked on or before February 1, 2009.
 - B. Prior academic performance. (Copy of transcript)
 - C. Performance on tests designed to measure ability and aptitude for college work. (Results of ACT or SAT)
 - D. Recommendations from instructors.
 - E. Financial need.
 - F. Conclusions which directors may draw from a personal interview as to the applicant's motivation, character, ability, and potential.
 - G. Other nondiscriminatory criteria as the directors deem proper for selecting scholarship recipients.
5. Applicant may apply for renewal of this scholarship each year of undergraduate study by presenting the following information to the scholarship Board of Directors.
- A. A letter stating applicant's intent to re-enroll at a college or university as a full-time student. (A minimum of 12 hours per semester.)
 - B. Identification of their major field of study.
 - C. Applicant's current accumulative GPA which should be 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
 - D. A current transcript from the college or university.
 - E. Must be post-marked by July 1 each year.

Approved College Majors List*:

Accounting	Fluid and Thermal Sciences
Aerospace Engineering	Food Sciences
Agricultural Economics	Forest Engineering
Agricultural Education	Forestry
Agricultural Engineering	Forest Technology
Agricultural Sciences	Grain Milling and Science
Agricultural Technologies	Geochemistry
Agronomy/Soil and Crop Sciences	Geodetic Sciences
Animal Hospital Technology	Geography
Animal Sciences	Geological Engineering
Architectural Engineering	Geology
Architectural Technologies	Geophysical Engineering
Architecture	Geophysics
Atmospheric Sciences	Horticulture
Automotive Engineering	Land Use Management and Reclamation
Bacteriology	Marine Biology
Biochemical Technology	Marine Engineering
Biochemistry	Maritime Sciences
Biology/Biological Sciences	Mechanical Design Technology

Botany/Plant Sciences
Business Administration
Chemical Engineering
Chemical Engineering Technology
Chemistry
Civil Engineering
Civil Engineering Technology
Conservation
Construction Engineering
Construction Management
Construction Technologies
Dairy Sciences
Earth Science
Ecology/Environmental Studies
Electrical and Electronic Technologies
Electrical Engineering
Electrical Engineering Technology
Electronics Engineering
Electronics Engineering Technology
Energy Management Technologies
Engineering Mechanics
Engineering Physics
Engineering Sciences
Engineering Technology
Environmental Biology
Environmental Design
Environmental Education
Environmental Engineering Technology
Environmental Health Sciences
Environmental Sciences
Evolutionary Biology
Farm and Ranch Management
Fire Protection Engineering
Fire Science
Fish and Game Management

Mechanical Engineering
Mechanical Engineering Technology
Metallurgical Engineering
Metallurgical Technology
Metallurgy
Meteorology
Mining Technology
Natural Resource Management
Nuclear Engineering
Nuclear Medical Technology
Nuclear Physics
Nuclear Technology
Ocean Engineering
Oceanography
Paper and Pulp Sciences
Parks Management
Pest Control Technology
Petroleum/Natural Gas Engineering
Petroleum Technology
Physics
Plastics Engineering
Plastics Technology
Pollution Control Technologies
Poultry Sciences
Range Management
Soil Conservation
Solar Technologies
Surveying Engineering
Surveying Technology
Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Veterinary Sciences
Water Resources
Wood Sciences
Zoology

*Approved majors, but other majors in the areas of "Ag", "Environment", or "Energy" may be considered depending on the Board approval.