



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, four incoming college freshmen from this area will be chosen to receive a scholarship of approximately \$1,200. (The amount of the scholarships will be determined annually by the Board based upon earnings on the scholarship funds.) 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

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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, 2012.**
  - 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.