



## WDEA Scholarship Program Requirements and Selection Criteria

The Western Dakota Energy Association will award eight \$1,000 scholarships this spring to students enrolled or planning to enroll in an energy-related field at a North Dakota college, university or technical school.

**Scholarship selection criteria may include, but is not limited to:**

- Prior academic performance
- Recommendations from instructors and employers
- Information about an applicant's career, academic or other relevant experiences
- Statements indicative of the applicant's motivation, character and ability
- The applicant's place of residence and intended career path \*
- Evidence of applicant's scientific or other special talent
- The applicant's financial need
- Previous military experience

*\* Priority will be given to students who plan to work in the oil/gas or coal industry in North Dakota.*

**Applications must include:**

The WDEA Scholarship application form

Copy of a transcript indicative of recent scholastic performance

Up to a 300-word essay on applicant's interest in energy development

**Applications may also include:**

Letters of reference from instructors, employers, clergy or public officials

Description of involvement in extra-curricular activities

Description of community service involvement

Statement of financial need

The application deadline is May 16, 2025. Scholarship winners will be announced following WDEA's board meeting in late May, 2025.

Scholarship payments will be made in the student's name to the academic institution upon receipt of documented educational expenses. WDEA reserves the right to withdraw a scholarship award if any recipient fails to complete the required coursework in their chosen field.