



**The Helium Litigation
Scholarship Fund, Inc.**

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 a minor portion of the 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 \$1,000. (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

Finney
Grant
Greeley
Hamilton
Haskell
Kearny
Morton
Seward
Stanton
Stevens

Oklahoma Counties

Beaver
Cimarron
Texas

Texas Counties

Hansford
Hutchinson
Moore
Ochiltree
Sherman

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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 15, 2024**.
 - B. Prior academic performance. (Copy of transcript)
 - C. Minimum GPA of 3.5
 - D. Performance on tests designed to measure ability and aptitude for college work. (Results of ACT with a minimum of 23 or SAT with a minimum 1130)
 - E. Recommendations from instructors.
 - F. Financial need.
 - G. Conclusions which directors may draw from a personal interview as to the applicant's motivation, character, ability, and potential.
 - H. 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 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale.
 - D. A current transcript from the college or university.
 - E. Must be post-marked by February 15th each year.



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P.O. Box 248, Hugoton, KS 67951

HELIUM LITIGATION SCHOLARSHIP - APPLICATION FORM
2024-2025

Part I. Personal Information

Your Name _____

Address _____
_____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Resident of _____ County

Father _____ Father's Occupation _____

Father's Address (if different than yours)
_____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Mother _____ Mother's Occupation _____

Mother's Address (if different than yours)
_____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Part II. Education

What high school do you attend _____ Graduation Date _____

School Address (list below) _____ School Phone _____
_____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Colleges, universities, or junior colleges you are considering attending, (include where located)

Your intended college major(s) _____

Describe (on a separate sheet of paper), in 200 words or less, why you are interested in pursuing a college education in your chosen field of study. Please attach your article to your completed application.

Part III. School Activities

List below any high school activities, organizations, and sports in which you have participated and indicate what offices you have held in each. List achievements, honors, or awards, including any state or national awards, honors, or recognitions received (you may need to use separate sheet of paper):

Part IV. Community Activities and work experience

List below any community organizations and activities in which you have participated and indicate offices held in each. List achievements, honors, or awards received. Then list any work experience showing past or current employment and name of employer (you may need to use separate sheet of paper):

Part V. Financial Need

Explain your need for financial assistance to continue your college education and describe your plans for meeting this financial need:

List your anticipated college costs for next year: Tuition \$ _____ Room & Board \$ _____

Will you have any brothers or sisters attending college during the next year?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, how many: _____

Part VI. References

List below the names, titles, mailing addresses and phone numbers of three reference persons, who you are not related to you. Please contact the references and request each of them to fill out and return a Helium Scholarship Reference Form. They need to mail their reference to us no later than February 15, 2024. It is suggested that you provide each of your references with an envelope to forward their reference letter to us. Our address is listed below. It is also your responsibility to ensure that all three references have been submitted to us to complete your application. Failure to have completed reference forms could disqualify you from receiving a scholarship.

Reference #1 Name _____
 Title _____
 Address _____
 Phone number _____

Reference #2 Name _____
 Title _____
 Address _____
 Phone number _____

Reference #3 Name _____
 Title _____
 Address _____
 Phone number _____

Please have a qualified high school official, such as counselor or administrator, at your high school certify the information required in Part VII below as a part of your application.

I understand that I must have a minimum ACT composite score of 23, and/or a minimum SAT score of 1130 to apply for this scholarship.

I have prepared this application and believe it to be correct.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

All application materials, including the reference forms, must be postmarked no later than February 15, 2024. Send applications to The Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund, Inc., P. O. Box 248, Hugoton, KS 67951-0248.

Part VII. High School Academic Verification

(To be completed by a qualified high school official, such as counselor or administrator.)

Name of Applicant's High School _____ located in _____ (city/state)

Applicant's high school grade point average (GPA) is _____ on a scale of 4.0.

Number of seniors in applicant's graduating class _____ Applicant's rank in class _____

Applicant's ACT composite score: _____

Applicant's SAT Selection Index: Math: _____ Verbal _____

Note:

Please attach a current high school transcript to this application.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Signature of High School Official

Title

Note: Application Deadline is February 15th.

(This form may be duplicated.)



Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund, Inc. Reference Form

Name of scholarship applicant:

Name of reference:

Profession/title:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

School/Organization:

How long have you known the applicant?

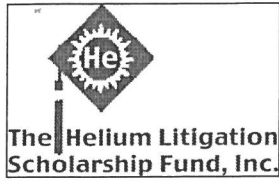
Instructions to references: The Helium Scholarship Litigation selection committee relies to a considerable extent upon the assessment of references. The Committee is interested in having your appraisal of the applicant in the following areas.

Aptitude

Comment:

Reliability

Comment:



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**Standards
of personal
conduct and
honesty**

Comment:

**Leadership
ability**

Comment:

**Special
qualities of
applicant that
would
contribute to
his/her success
in higher
education**

Comment:

Please submit by February 15, 2024

Signature

Date:

I am the above reference source and am submitting this form by email from the email address listed above.

You may submit this form by email at debi.hurtado@nordlinglaw.com, or print and mail to:

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