

# MISSISSIPPI NATURAL GAS ASSOCIATION



## RANDY FLEMING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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The Mississippi Natural Gas Association (MNGA) has established an Education Scholarship fund. This Fund has been established to offer assistance to academically qualified students who intend to pursue a degree at a two or four-year accredited University, Community, Junior or Senior College. This fund has been established by the direct efforts of the MNGA Scholarship Committee and monies raised from the MNGA yearly fundraising events and individual member contributions. Established in 2007 in memory of a long time leader and past MNGA president Randy Fleming, the MNGA Board of Directors agreed to dedicate an annual scholarship in his name to honor him, and to recognize his long time dedication to the Gas industry.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

**The available scholarships will be;**

- Must be a graduating high school senior or currently enrolled college student, with a grade point average of 2.5 or have a completed GED prior to the year applying for and must meet the other eligibility criteria.
- Dependent on the monies generated throughout the previous year by the fundraising events conducted by the MNGA.
- Awarded at the discretion of the Mississippi Natural Gas Association Scholarship Committee.

Based on the individual needs of each candidate, using the following criteria; Academic achievement, Community Service and Extra-curricular activities.

- Accomplishments during their scholastic career.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

**(Very important)**

**To be considered for the MNGA Randy Fleming Memorial Scholarship, the applicant;**

- Must fully complete the MNGA scholarship application and submit it prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>. (Student completes the **Black** portion).
- The student's High School guidance councilor or college academic advisor must fully complete the (**Blue** portion of the application).
- Must be accepted as a full-time student at an accredited University, Community, Junior or Senior College.
- Must be a graduating high school senior with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 or have completed the GED prior to the year applying and must meet the other eligibility criteria.

- Must be a dependent child of A NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION OR PIPELINE SYSTEM employee who has been continuously employed for at least one year with that system. Should that system be a multiple distribution utility, the employee must WORK FOR THE NATURAL GAS DIVISION OF THAT SYSTEM. The distribution system must be located in the state of Mississippi and be in good standing with the Mississippi Natural Gas Association.
- Must be a dependent child of AN AFFILIATE MEMBER OR MARKETER MEMBER Company employee who has been continuously employed for at least one year with that company. The company must be a member in good standing with the Mississippi Natural Gas Association.

PLEASE NOTE: Completed applications submitted to the MNGA by the May 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline. Those applications will be given every consideration by the Scholarship Committee, but please be advised that submitting an application does not automatically guarantee you will receive a scholarship. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to determine based on criteria outlined, who each year's recipient(s) will be.

## **AWARD INFORMATION**

### **Scholarship Process and Timeline:**

- December - The Mississippi Natural Gas Association (MNGA) Board of Directors and the Scholarship committee will review and or amend the Scholarship process.
- March - The (MNGA) Executive director will send out the guidelines and applications to the Mississippi Natural Gas Association's membership members.
- May 1<sup>st</sup>. - Deadline for Completed applications by MNGA member dependents. Completed applications are due at the Executive Director's office by the end of business day on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Applications will be reviewed by the MNGA Scholarship Committee.
- June 1st Awards will be announced, scholarship recipients will be notified first by letter to the Natural Gas System General Manager or Director of the employee and dependent recipient.
- June 1st. Scholarship recipient's parents are notified by letter.
- The MNGA reserves the right to publish the pictures of scholarship recipients in the BlueFlame newsletter.
- July – MNGA will announce the Scholarship recipient at the annual MNGA conference. The Scholarship recipients are encouraged to attend to be recognized; however this is not a requirement.
- **Award** – The scholarship will be awarded with a check written directly to the educational institution they plan to attend.