



February 6, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed are applications and materials to encourage your students to apply for collegiate scholarships currently offered by the West Virginia Desk and Derrick Club (WVDDC). WVDDC members work for and support West Virginia's energy industries and affiliates. Our primary goal is to advance the education of the individuals who supply the Nation's energy, today and in the years ahead.

We began our Scholarship program in 2007 and awarded a pair of scholarships to students who were enrolled in the College of Engineering at West Virginia University. One of those first recipients, upon graduation, became a member of our Club. In 2015 we will be awarding scholarships to seven (7) deserving students who plan to pursue their educational goals towards employment in the energy industry or who are currently employed in the energy industry.

Criteria for scholarships are:

1. A copy of the student's high school transcript with ACT or SAT score(s)
2. An original essay of at least 300 words
3. A discussion of the applicants history of leadership or service
4. At least one letter of recommendation from someone other than a relative
5. Application must be signed by applicant's guidance counselor or principal
6. If any part of the criteria is missing, application will not be considered

Although grades are considered by our scholarship committee, classroom performance is not the determining factor in our decision making process. The essay offers a crucial opportunity to communicate to our judges on a more personal basis than the academic records alone would allow. Often, a thoughtful and well-crafted essay weighs heavily while having a lower academic record when granting of a scholarship.

I, along with the members of the West Virginia Desk and Derrick Club appreciate your efforts in informing your students of these scholarships

Sincerely,

Autumn Humphreys, Scholarship Committee Chair
West Virginia Desk and Derrick Club
Vice President, 2015

Enclosures

2015 WEST VIRGINIA DESK AND DERRICK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

High school seniors planning on attending a four-year West Virginia college or university are eligible to receive a one-time only \$1,000 scholarship.

**APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
FEBRUARY 15, 2015 THROUGH APRIL 15, 2015**

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicant must be a high school senior planning to enroll in a four-year West Virginia College or university.
2. Applicant must submit a 300 word essay (double spaced and one sided) explaining, **"What do you see as the top challenges for the energy industry over the next 10 years?"** This must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2015.
3. On a separate piece of paper please list and explain 2 or 3 leadership and/or service activities in which you have been involved in throughout high school and provide a short description of each activity.
4. Please provide a letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope from someone other than a family member or friend. (*A teacher and/or clergy qualify.*)
5. Preference will be given to applicants entering an energy related program. (*Recommendation by a WV Desk and Derrick member is desirable, but not required.*)
6. Scholarship awards will be sent directly to the respective winning applicant's college or university.
7. Scholarships will be made on a one-time only basis.
8. All applications **MUST** be signed by applicant's guidance counselor or principal.

Please send your application and essay to:

Scholarship Committee
West Virginia Desk and Derrick Club
PO Box 734
Charleston, WV 25357



WEST VIRGINIA DESK AND DERRICK CLUB

2015 Scholarship Application
(High School Students)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone Number _____ Parents _____
Email _____ Date of Birth _____
High School _____ Counselor's Number _____

What College/University do you plan to attend? _____

What will be your major? _____

Were you recommended by Desk and Derrick Member? If so, their name: _____

If you filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), what is the amount of your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as reported to you on the Student Aid Report (SAR)?
\$ _____

On a **separate sheet of paper**, provide in detail two (2) or three (3) leadership and/or service activities (can include community service) in which you have been involved in during high school.

Please submit this completed form along with your **detailed leadership/service activities paper, at least 300 word essay, and letter of recommendation** to your high school counselor or principal.

ATTENTION SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR PRINCIPAL:

Please sign this form and send it along with a copy of the student's transcripts, ACT and/or SAT score, essay, leadership/service paper, and letter of recommendation to the address below. Applications without a signature will be rejected. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2015

Guidance counselor or Principal signature

Send to:

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Charleston, WV 25323