The National Propane Gas Foundation Scholarship Fund Aims to foster educational opportunities for the children of National Propane Gas Association (NGPA) members by offering scholarships to colleges or vocational/technical schools. The fund provides non-renewable scholarships in the amounts of $1,000 - $2,000. The 2013 - 2014 academic year online scholarship application opens September 1, 2012 on the NGPA website.

2012 - 2013 Academic Year Scholarship Recipients:

ALYSSA AHRENS - Missouri Propane Gas Association

Alyssa Ahrens is from Jefferson City, MO. She is a freshman at Truman State University. She intends to focus on Psychology and Business. During her career at Truman, Alyssa plans to receive her Bachelor of Science degree. Outstanding Academic Excellence certificate and was elected to the National Honor Society in her junior year. She serves on the university’s student senate and has participated in mission trips and youth retreats. Alyssa’s father, Steve Ahrens, is an employee of Missouri Propane Gas Association.

JESSICA ANDERS - Joe and Naomi Cordill

Jessica Anders of Wrennra, LA has just graduated from Franklin Parish High School and will be attending the University of Louisiana where she will be studying both Music and Mathematics education. She was active in her high school’s Marching Band and hopes with her Music Education degree she can share her passion with others as an educator. Her father Wesley Anders works for Suburban Propane.

CAROLINE ANDERSON - Benchmarking Council

Caroline Anderson is from Trenton, SC. She will be a freshman at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. Caroline is an avid book reader with plans to major in English. The most anticipated part of attending at Furman is getting a chance to participate in the academic advisor programs. Her father, Rick Anderson, works for Pemtto Propane.

BRETT ARMSTRONG - New Jersey Propane Gas Association/Alvin E. Clayton

Brett Armstrong is from Sussex, NJ. He will be attending Sussex County Community College as a freshman, with a focus on Graphic Design. His father, Duane Armstrong, works for Suburban Propane.

KELESA BATTFELD - James & Elizabeth Bass

Kelesia Battfeld lives in Meredosia, IL. She returns to Illinois College where she is a sophomore Psychology. She will be a Residential Assistant and will continue playing in the Wind Ensemble. Her lifelong dream is to have a career that provides her the opportunity to serve others. Her father, Brian Battfeld, is an employee of Badger Agricultural Service Inc.

MEGAN BEAUDRY - Young Geesers

Megan Beaudry is from Albertville, MN and will be a senior at the University of St. Thomas where she is double majoring in Community Health and Business Administration. Megan maintains an active role of actvities at the University including involvement in clubs such as Colleges Against Cancer and Students in Free Enterprise. Megan’s father, Dale Beaudry, is an employee of Beaudry Oil & Gas.

BREANNE BORMAN - Missouri Propane Gas Association

Breanne Borman is from Desoto, MO and will be a freshman at Wichita State University. Her focus of study will be pre-Pharmacy. While at Festus High School Breanne was very active in sports, both as a team member and as a volunteer coaching in Volleyball and Track & Field. Breanne she was also a student tutor. Her father, Rich Borman, works for Half Propane.

ERIKA BRIBIESCA - Milford & Gail Threrell Award

Erika Briibiesca is from Humile, TX. Her college journey began at Texas A & M University; she recently decided to continue her education at the University of Texas at Austin. With the help and support of her family she has achieved many goals and will continue working toward a career in Psychology. Erika’s mother, Isabella Briibiesca, is an employee of Amerigas.

JAMIE BRINSON - Mississippi Propane Gas Association

Jamie Brinson is from Mappex, MS. She is attending Jones County Junior College and is majoring in Accounting. She plans to graduate this winter and transfer to a four year school. Her goal is achieving her Master’s Degree. Her father, Jamie Brinson works for Lampont Light.

SARAH BUCHANAN - William B. McHenry

Sarah Buchanan is from Morgantown, NC. She will be starting at Western Piedmont Community College in the fall. While at Patrick College Sarah was an employee of The National Art Honor Society, serving as Vice President in 11th grade and then President in 12th. She also expressed herself through art as an assistant to the Art Instructor. Her father, Ronald Buchanan is an employee of Blossman Gas.

ANTHONY BURDO - Maurice Deal

Anthony Burdo was born and raised in Brattleboro, VT. He enjoys the outdoors and music, playing trombone in band and is self-taught on the guitar and mandolin. He will be attending Houghton College this Fall as a freshman, where he will major in Business Administration. During his career he plans to work towards becoming a Surgeon. His father, Paul Burdo, is an employee of Merrill Gas Company (an Amerigas company). His mother, Susan, works for Suburban Propane.

KIRA CARRIER - Bob & Linda Mayer

Kira Carrier is from Harrisburg, WA where she graduated from Sproutwood High School. She will be attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University in the fall and will study Human Nutrition Food and Exercise. She wants to become a dietitian therapist and work with premature babies on their gross motor skills. In her free time she enjoys running and spending time with her family and friends. Her father, Eric Gregory, is an employee of Blossman Gas.

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TAD FUCHS - Georgia Propane Gas Association

Tad Fuchs is from Pierce, NE and attending the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He is majoring in Comprehensive Biology and Pre-Medicine. He is the salutatorian of his high school class, and was on the Dean’s list for all conference runner in high school. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and served as their President during his senior year. She was a member of the National Honor Society and served as their President during her senior year. Her social concern projects range from writing encouraging notes to sick children in the hospital to volunteering at “To Write Love on Her Arms” where they present hope and help for people struggling with addiction, depression, self-injury and suicide. Her father, Ervin Fuchs is an employee of Crystal Flash Energy.

NANCY CATES - Georgia Propane Gas Association

Nancy Cates will be a junior at Gardner-Webb University where she is a student majoring in Psychology and Sociology and eventually hopes to become a licensed counselor and specialist in child psychology. Katie currently serves as the president of the Greek Life Council and is a member of Phi Sigma Sigma Fraternity. Her future plans include participating in the Joplin tornado clean up, mentoring freshman students. Her father, Alan Cleek is an employee of Pete Cates, owner of TruFlame Gas Company.

MCKENNA EIBEN - Gene and Joann Bessel

McKenzie Chambers is a freshman at Central Missouri State University with a focus in Spanish. Nancy is also a member of the track and field team. Nancy is on student government for Gardner-Webb and works for the first-year program. Nancy is the daughter of Pete Cates, the owner of TruFlame Gas Company.

ANDREA CLEEK - Missouri Propane Gas Association

Andrea Cleek lives in Marshfield, MO where she was the Student Body President for her senior year of high school. She is a member of the National Honor Society and served as their President during her senior year. Her social concern projects range from writing encouraging notes to sick children in the hospital to volunteering at “To Write Love on Her Arms” where they present hope and help for people struggling with addiction, depression, self-injury and suicide. Her future plans include participating in the Joplin tornado clean up, mentoring freshman students. Her father, Larry Chambers works for Trinity Industries, Inc.

LEAH CLEEK - Missouri Propane Gas Association

Leah Cleek is from Marshfield, MO. While in high school she participated in the Speech and Debate club, was a National Honor Society member and was involved in the drama club and student government. Her community activities include participating in the Joplin tornado clean up, mentoring freshman students. Her father, Kevin Craig is an employee of Crystal Flash Energy.

LAUREN CODY - Mark and Beth Pennington

Lauren Cody was born in San Francisco, CA. She will be attending the University of Missouri this fall to pursue a degree in neuroscience, with the hope of becoming a pediatric neurologist. She will be part of the cross country and track teams, continuing her excellence from when she was an all-state, all-region runner in high school. Lauren’s father, Harold Cody is an employee of AmeriGas Propane.

KARA CRAIG - Jack Capps

Kara Craig of Heltonville, IN will begin her senior year this fall at the University of Evansville. Among her activities on campus and in the community are volunteering to serve others, to push through and fight for the lives of doctors and nurses that assisted in her treatment. Her community activities include participating in the Joplin tornado clean up, mentoring freshman students. Her father, Jack Capps is the owner of Brooks Gas Co.

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CATHARINE EGGEN - CHS Foundation

Catherine (Katie) Eggan is from Chilhowee, MO. Having been born with cancer Katie is a survivor due to the help of the doctors and nurses that assisted in her treatment. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and served as their President during her senior year. She was a member of the National Honor Society and served as their President during her senior year. Her social concern projects range from writing encouraging notes to sick children in the hospital to volunteering at “To Write Love on Her Arms” where they present hope and help for people struggling with addiction, depression, self-injury and suicide. Her father, Ervin Eggan is an employee of NIFA MI.

KATIE EIBEN - Ancient Gassers, Inc./Butane Propane News

Katie Eiben is from Monticello, IA. She is a Sophomore at Drake University in Des Moines, IA majoring in Psychology and Sociology and eventually hopes to become a licensed counselor and specialist in child psychology. Katie currently serves as the president of the Greek Life Council and is a member of Phi Sigma Sigma Fraternity. Her future plans include participating in the Joplin tornado clean up, mentoring freshman students. Her father, Larry Eggan is an employee of CHS Foundation.

SARAH FRENCH - AmeriGas Propane

Sarah French is from Chesapeake, VA, and is a senior studying at James Madison University (JMU). During this school year, she will be completing her practicum at JM’s Morrison-Bruce Center for the Promotion of Physical Activity for Girls and Women as an intern with the JMU Intercollegiate Athletics/Chaplain and the JMU’s Equestrian Club. Sarah’s father, David French is an employee of AmeriGas Propane.

TAD FUCHS - Trinity Industries, Inc.

Tad Fuchs is from Pierce, NE and attending the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He is majoring in Comprehensive Biology and Pre-Medicine. He is the salutatorian of his high school class, and was on the Dean’s list for both semesters of freshman year. He is involved in numerous science activities on campus and is a member of the secretary for the Tri Beta Chapter. Tad’s mother, Paula Fuchs is an employee of Randolph Farm Supply.

LINDSEY GANDER - Missouri Propane Gas Association

Lindsey Gardner of Shafter, CA will continue her education this fall at Kutztown University. Her major will be in history, with a minor in French. Lindsey is an employee of Heritage Propane/Ampergas.

BERNADETTE GARDNER - At-Large

Bernadette Gardner of Shafter, CA is continuing her education at Kutztown University. Her major will be in history, with a minor in French. Lindsey is an employee of Heritage Propane/Ampergas.
Jonathan Goodson lives in Salem, AZ and will be a senior at Arkansas State University where he is studying Plant Science and Agricultural Education. He is a member of the Honor Colleges Association and plans on becoming a teacher, sharing his knowledge about the agriculture field with high school students and encouraging them to pursue a career in the same field. His father, Garry W. Goodson, has been recognized for his community service through the arts. While in high school he was a senior for the club. His specialty is in pediatric nursing. His father, Chenzia Goodson, works at the same field. His father, Garry W. Goodson, will be a senior in the accounting program at Vincennes University she plans to major in Dance Movement. She has danced competitively for many years winning many titles and special awards. She had been recognized for her community involvement through the arts and as a member of the CHS Foundation. Her mother Shawnee Higbee is an employee of North Cascades Propane Gas Association.

Torey Hudelson will be a junior this year at North Dakota State University where she will major in Agricultural Communication and Minorin Animals Science. She is taking a concentration in Funeral Services at Vincennes University in the greater Portland area. He loves his university and the courses he is taking. And he is taking an abundance of classes; he is triple majoring in Political Science, International Studies, and Spanish. He hopes to join the Peace Corps through this club she participated in sponsoring all day activities for special needs kids. Her future aspiration is Social Work and Psychology.

Samantha Irving was born in Montrose, CO. She will be attending the University of Wisconsin - Madison. She plans to major in Marketing and Management. Throughout high school and college she has been active in the Drama club. Her emphasis in either English or History. Samantha was involved in many activities outside her homeschooled curriculum. She participated in Civil Air Patrol, volleyball, piano lessons and community volunteer work. Samantha’s father, Mark Irving, works for Evergreen FS, Inc.

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Lindsey Lenser lives in Spooner, WI and attends the University of Wisconsin - Superior where she is working on a double major in Business Administration and Psychology. She is an employee of MFA Oil Company.

Nicole Lynn Glissmeyer is from Marthasville, MO. She is attending Eastern Illinois University and will be a senior at Arkansas State University where she is studying Plant Science and Agricultural Education. She participates in student government at IUP, and is a member of the Nursing Club. Her study emphasis will be Psychology. In high school and college she has been active in the Drama club. Her emphasis in either English or History. Samantha was involved in many activities outside her homeschooled curriculum. She participated in Civil Air Patrol, volleyball, piano lessons and community volunteer work. Samantha’s father, Mark Irving, works for Evergreen FS, Inc.

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ASHLEY LOSING - CHS Propane
Ashley Losing is from ajoining, SD. She is a senior pharmacy student at South Dakota State University. Ashley is the co-chair of the Briggs Scholar Student Organization, an Admissions Ambassador, and a yearly participant in Children’s Miracle Network activities. Ashley is the daughter of DeVonne Losing, who is an employee of Alpina Cooperative Service.

JORDAN MARTIN - Propane Marketers Association of Kansas/Beth Johnson Memorial
Jordan Martin is from Wichita, KS. He is a junior at Wichita State University pursuing a degree in Elementary Education. He enjoys playing tennis and playing the drums. After graduation, he plans to get a full time position as a design engineer. His father, Alan Martin, works for Propane Central.

HANNAH MAY - Illinois Propane Gas Association
Hannah May is from Metamora, IL. She is currently studying Interior Design at Northern Illinois University majoring in Design. While in high school, she participated in Jr. Beta Club, National Honor Society, and was the captain of her varsity volleyball team. She has always been very active in her community. Her father, Matthew May, is employed at AmeriGas.

MICHAEL MCCLOSE - North Carolina Propane Gas Association/Romaine G. Holt
Michael McClure is from Tryon, NC. He will be a freshman at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he plans to major in communications. While in high school, Michael was a member of the marching band and also active in several clubs, including the National Honors Society. His father, Randy McClure, is an employee of Suburban Propane.

BRITTANY MORGAN - Ancient Gassers, Inc
Brittany is from Winterton, MO where she graduated from Pierce City High School. Throughout high school, she was involved in Future Business Leaders of America, Shining Stars Foundation, the FFA, and the FFA State and National Conventions. She started an FFA Foundation and Social Organizations at Mississippi College. Her father, John Morgan, is an employee of Mentor and Windham Oil Company.

LEIGH MORSON - Mississippi Propane Gas Association/Courtney Blossman
Leigh Doster McElrath is from Tifton, Georgia. She is currently pursuing a degree in Elementary Education. Leigh is also working to be certified in the ESL program. She has been on the Dean’s List throughout the past two years. Leigh is involved in RUF and Social Organizations at Alpena College. Her father, John Doster, is an employee of Alpena Cooperative Service.

ERIC OHCS - Sam & Ann McA. N
Eric Ochs lives in Ohl, IL. He is a very active in extracurricular activities including FFA, 4-H, Spanish Club as well as this church’s youth group, all while maintaining academic excellence. He will be studying Automotive Technology at Ohl Central Community College. In his senior year, Elmer Ochs, is employed at Wabash Valley Service Company, Gorman.

KYLE PLANZT - At-Large
Kyle Plantz of Central Square, NY is a recent graduate of Paul V. Moore High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society, was he served as president during his senior year, and also in the Class of 2012’s Vice President. He also involved in athletics, saving as Captain of the Cross-Country, indoor track and outdoor track in his last year and also received the Section III Scholar Athlete Award for his school. Kyle is attending Boston University in the Fall to pursue a Journalism and History degree. Kyle’s father, Jeffrey House, is an employee of Suburban Propane.

LIA RICHARDSON - Georgia Propane Gas Association
Lia Richardson is from Tifton, Georgia. After traveling to other parts of the world she saw poverty and poor living conditions, but most of all, she saw people. Lia saw people who need Hope and Love; she became involved in community tutoring through the local government and taught English in China over summer breaks. Lia is studying to become an Early Childhood Educator at The University of Georgia. Lia’s father, Dan Richardson, is an employee for Conner LP Gas.

MELISSA RIFFEL - Propane Marketers Association of Kansas/Beth Johnson Memorial
Melissa Riffel is from Hope, Kansas. She plans to graduate from Kansas State University in May of 2013 with a Bachelor in Elementary Education. In between school, she volunteers as a tutor through the local government and worked in a bakery for Propane Central as well as a tutor and club leader for an after school program. Her father, Ryan Riffel, works for Amerigas Propane.

KAYLA RUSSELL - Suburban Propane
Kayla Russell is from Lynchburg, Virginia. This fall she will be a freshman at Lynchburg College majoring in Exercise Physiology. Kayla’s goal is to get my Doctorate in Physical Therapy. Kayla graduated from Brockville High School with an Honors diploma. She was a member of their National Honor Society, Key Club and a member through the Big Brother Big Sister Organization. Kayla’s mother, Amanda Russell, is an employee for Suburban Propane.

BRIDGE SAVIO - Americas Propane
Bridget Sanke is from Lafayette, LA and will be continuing a junior at Louisiana State University where she is working towards degrees in Humanities and Social Sciences. She is active in her school’s anti-human trafficking organization - Tigers Against Trafficking. She is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and Sigma Lambda Lambda Honors Society. Bridget’s stepfather, Walter Ancev, is an employee for Americas Propane.
JAKE WADDELL - Missouri Propane Gas Association

Jake Wadde is from Kahoka, MO. While in high school he was involved with Key Club, National Honor Society, and Student Council. He will be starting his degree in 2014 at Missouri State University working toward a degree in Mining Engineering with a minor in Engineering Management.

DOROTHY UNDERWOOD - Dynegy, in memory of Elaine Ruhl

Dorothy Underwood lives in Otego, NY. Dorothy will be entering her fourth year at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the fall, where she is majoring in architecture. Otego Helping Hands, and Relay for Life.

ZACHARY SCHULER - Propane Marketers Association of Kansas/Beth Johnson Memorial

Zach Schuler lives in Otego, NY. Dorothy will be entering her fourth year at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the fall, where she is majoring in architecture. Otego Helping Hands, and Relay for Life.

LAURA SCHOONOVER - AmeriGas Propane

Laura Schoonover is from Billings, MT. She will be a senior at North Central Missouri College in the fall where she is majoring in mechanical engineering and minoring in mathematics. Laura spent her senior year at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the fall, where she is majoring in architecture. Otego Helping Hands, and Relay for Life.

KATLYN SMALL - John D. Jenkins

Katlyn Small is from Edenton, NC. She will be starting at East Carolina University as a junior, after studying previously at Pitt Community College. She plans on earning a degree in mathematics. Matthew played for ONU's Men's Club Volleyball Team for two years, serving as president in his sophomore year. He also served as the student assistant coach for the Children's Miracle Network. Her father, Chris Steindorf, is an employee of AmeriGas in Springfield, OR.

LAURA STEINDORF - Bertelsmeyer

Laura Steindorf is from Eugene, OR. While at North Eugene High School she was a member of the National Honor Society, reported for the school newspaper and participated in several Varsity sports teams, as those teams' captain. Her community activities included volunteering for the Children's Miracle Network. Her father, Matthew Umland, works for Farmers Cooperative.

ASHLYN TILLERY - Propane Marketers Association of Kansas/Beth Johnson Memorial

Aishlyn Tillery is from Valley Falls, KS and will be a junior at Washburn State College; she really enjoys helping take care of the residents. Aishlyn's father, Bryan Tillery, works for Propane Central.

REBECCA TANNER - Daniel N. Myers

Rebecca Tanner is from Moss Point, MS. She will be attending University of Southern Mississippi in the fall. She graduated from Mississippi School for Math and Science. Her mother, Rebecca Plummer, works for AmeriGas.

ALICIA UMLAND - Young Gassers

Alicia Umland of Harbine, NE will be starting her third year at Peru State College; she was involved in many activities on campus, including Concert band (as Frist Clar, tenor saxophone); The Holt Street Jazz Band, acting as Secretary within the KSU Men’s Choir and as a member of the choir. Alicia’s father, Matthew Umland, works for Farmers Cooperative.

KATRINA UMLAND - Bill and Florene Wray Memorial

Katrina Umland of Jansen, NE is a recent graduate Fairbury Jr-Sr High School. As a junior she served as Student Council President. This fall she will be a freshman at Peru State College where she will double in elementary and special education. Katrina also acts as an active member of 4-H, FFA and her high school music programs. She had the lead role of “Dorothy” in the school musical “The Wizard of Oz.” Katrina’s father, Matthew Umland, is an employee of Farmers Cooperative.

MATTHEW SMITH - AmeriGas Propane

Matthew Smith is from East Hazel, IL. In the spring of 2013 he will graduate from Olivet Nazarene University with a degree in mechanical engineering with a minor in mathematics. Matthew played for ONU's Men's Club Volleyball Team for two years, serving as president in his sophomore year. He also served as the student assistant coach for the Children's Miracle Network. Her father, Chris Steindorf, is an employee of AmeriGas in Springfield, OR.

JUN SUN THOMAS - AmeriGas Propane

Jin Sun was born in Songrae, South Korea and moved to Caribou, ME in 2005. While in high school she was in the National Honor Society and joined the Civil Rights Team. Jin starts at the University of Maine to study Biology, with the goal of becoming a De...
CRYSTAL WEBB - Dynegy, in memory of Elaine Ruhl

Crystal Webb is from Glen Burnie, MD. While in high school she was admitted into five Honor societies; Academic, Theater, Spanish, Spanish, Musician and Audio/Visual/Technical, also achieving many other awards and honors throughout her school years. She will be attending University of Maryland, Baltimore County where she will continue her studies in pursuit of a degree in Environmental Science. Crystal’s mother, Elena Rountree, is an employee of Matheson Trigas.

MITCHELL WEST - Trinity Industries, Inc.

Mitchell West is from Lexington, KY and is an upcoming sophomorome at the University of Kentucky pursuing a degree in Biology. He is an avid volunteer and assists him as he works towards a goal of being elected philanthropy chair of the Mu Iota Chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. Mitchell’s father, Andrew West, is an employee of Southern States Petroleum Co-Op.

MIQUEL WHOOLEY - New Jersey Propane Gas Association/Alvin E. Clayton

Miquel Caitlyn Whooley currently lives in Rockaway, NJ. After graduating from Gill St. Bernard’s High School, in Peapack-Gladstone, NJ she will be attending Loyola University Maryland in the Fall. Miquel enjoys playing basketball, lacrosse, and running cross country. Following her passion, she will be majoring in Psychology in college and hopes to attain her Psy. D. Her mother, Eileen Whooley is an employee for Heritage Propane (Synergy Gas).

PAIGE WIECHMAN - Barbara Clark

Paige Wiechman is from Fremont, OH. She will be attending University of Maine at Machias to further her goals and dreams of having a career in natural resources so that she may contribute to conservation and increase understanding among the public. This summer she had the opportunity to intern for the Winnus Point Marsh Conservancy and participate in a variety of experiences. Her mother, KayAnn Cross, is an employee of O.E. Meyer Company.

Help Fund Additional Students - Attend the Scholarship Foundation’s Super Bowl Party held in conjunction with the Winter Board of Directors Meeting

Join us to watch Super Bowl XLVII at Charleston Beer Works to help educate NPGA members’ children! Can we tell you who will make it through to the final conference? Unfortunately not yet, but we can tell you now that the food and drink at Charleston Beer Works will be game pleasers. Come watch the big NFL game and enjoy traditional football appetizers followed by a pulled pork dinner. Wash all this down with any one of 40 draft beers, house wines, rail drinks, domestic bottle beers, tea or soft drinks. Charleston Beer Works is within walking distance of the hotel, come and go as you need. The festivities start at 5:30pm and last until the final score on Sunday, February 3, 2013.

Sign up early to avoid missing out on this spectacular night of fun! Registration is limited to 150 partiers, so sign up early! For more information, please contact Scholarship Foundation Manager, Joanne Casey, at 202-355-1328 or jcasey@npga.org.