

# THE COLORADO ENERGY SCHOLAR AWARD SERIES



## *Recognizing Colorado's most outstanding energy student*

### OVERVIEW

In partnership with *The West Slope Colorado Oil & Gas Association*, *The Colorado Mesa University Foundation* created a new endowment that will provide an annual scholarship award to Colorado's most outstanding student pursuing a future career in Western Colorado's diverse energy industries.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE

To be eligible for the scholarship, a Colorado high school student must demonstrate through essay, extracurricular activities and academic performance the skills necessary to become a high performing future energy professional. The scholarship will be awarded to a student planning on attending CMU full-time and pursuing a degree in an energy related field. Campus energy related programs include Landman/energy management, mechanical engineering, environmental science, geology, machining, welding or process systems technology. Only high school seniors graduating in spring of 2020 are eligible to apply. Once awarded the scholarship, the student must maintain a 3.0 G.P.A.

### WHAT BENEFITS DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDE?

The award amount will be \$12,000 and will be distributed \$3,000 annually. The award will be presented at the West Slope Colorado Oil & Gas Association Annual Banquet in February hosted by Colorado Mesa University and the winner will be named the 2020 Colorado Energy Scholar.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications will be accepted October 14, 2020 – January 6, 2020

**Contact:** Cheyenne Ward, Program Director [cheyenne.ward@wscoga.org](mailto:cheyenne.ward@wscoga.org) 970-773-2198. Apply at [www.wscoga.org](http://www.wscoga.org)

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Directory Information			
First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:	
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth:		
Address Information			
Primary Mailing Address:	City:	State: Colorado	Zip Code:
Phone & Email Information			
Primary Phone (include area code):	Primary Email Address:		
Education and Experience Information			
High School Attended:	Location of High School (Town, State):		
Academic Achievements (Science Fairs, Honor Society, Scholastic Awards, etc.):			
Leadership Experience:			
Community Service:			

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## Essay Questions

### **The Colorado Energy Scholar Essay Questions:**

Colorado Mesa University and the West Slope Colorado Oil & Gas Association seek an outstanding student who demonstrates via essay the life experience, travels, extracurricular activities and academic performance demonstrating why they should be recipient of the energy scholar award.

### **Essay Guidelines**

- **Choose the format that works for you.** Feel free to submit a traditional essay, slide presentation, video or any format that you feel best captures your response. Please use the format you are most comfortable with; the scholarship Committee has no preference.
- **Determine your own length.** There is no prescribed minimum or maximum length. Use your best judgment in determining how long your submission should be. We recommend that you think strategically about a length and format that shows your aptitude for science and energy. Be creative!

### **Technical Guidelines**

- **Accepted Upload Formats:** Acceptable formats are PDF, Word, and PowerPoint. We strongly recommend converting your piece to a PDF file prior to submitting.
- **Multimedia Restrictions:** We will be viewing your submission electronically and in full color, but all submissions will be converted to PDF files, so animation, video, music, etc. will not translate over.
- **Essay Videos:** Will be accepted via YouTube but must be accompanied by a written version as well. The committee recommends using your video essay as a supplement.

1. Describe the person who most influenced your interest in energy?
2. In your view, why is energy important to humanity and what should our energy future look like?
3. Energy is used to manufacture and distribute nearly every consumer, industrial and agricultural product in the world today. With energy industries being foundational to civil society, how do you see yourself playing a role in working in and using the energy industry to advance a higher quality of life in Colorado, the United State and beyond?
4. What experiences, projects, extracurricular activities or personal hobbies best demonstrate your interest in an energy related field such as math, science, geology or environmental issues?
5. What about your background makes you uniquely qualified to be the next Colorado Energy Scholar?

### **Additional Documents**

- **Letter of Recommendation:** Please submit at least one letter of recommendation.
- **Transcripts:** Please include your high school transcript.

**Important:** Remember, this completed application and all related essay materials must be emailed to Cheyenne Ward ([cheyenne.ward@wscoga.org](mailto:cheyenne.ward@wscoga.org)) before January 6th.