



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

P.O. Box 248 / Hugoton, Kansas 67951 / (620) 544-4333

January 12, 2022

TO: High School Counselors

**SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: February 15, 2022**

Dear Counselor:

Enclosed are application and reference forms, as well as the guidelines for the Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund. If you would like an online fillable form of the application and reference forms, please email my secretary at [debi.hurtado@nordlinglaw.com](mailto:debi.hurtado@nordlinglaw.com) and she will send you the forms.

The Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund offers a tremendous opportunity for students from Southwest Kansas and the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles who will be **“incoming college freshman”** for the Fall 2022 semester. The students must plan to pursue a course of study in an area relating to agriculture, the environment, or energy (which includes a broad list of accepted majors). We are also enclosing a background information sheet on the scholarship fund.

We are enclosing a copy of the application and reference forms and you are welcome to make photocopies, as needed. **Please make sure the full application is copied. Incomplete applications will not be considered.** (Please destroy old forms which you may have from prior years.) We would also appreciate if you would pass this information on to the principal of your school. Applicants will be responsible to ensure that a properly completed and signed application and references has been submitted by the **deadline date of February 15, 2022.**

If you have any questions, direct them to me at the address listed on the letterhead, or you may contact me at [erick.nordling@nordlinglaw.com](mailto:erick.nordling@nordlinglaw.com).

Very truly yours,

Erick E. Nordling  
President

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Enclosures

PC: Board of Directors



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

Hamilton  
Kearny  
Finney  
Stanton  
Grant  
Haskell  
Stevens  
Seward  
Morton

Oklahoma Counties

Texas  
Beaver  
Cimarron

Texas Counties

Moore  
Sherman  
Hansford  
Ochiltree  
Hutchinson

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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, 2022**.
  - 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 15<sup>th</sup> each year.



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**HELIUM LITIGATION SCHOLARSHIP - APPLICATION FORM**  
**2022-2023**

**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):

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**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):

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**Part V. Financial Need**

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

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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, 2022. 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, 2022. 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of High School Official

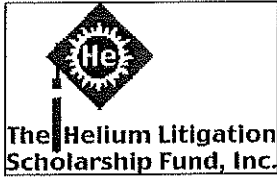
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Title

**Note: Application Deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>.**

(This form may be duplicated.)







# Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund, Inc. Reference Form

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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, 2022**

**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](mailto:debi.hurtado@nordlinglaw.com), or print and mail to:

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