



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

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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