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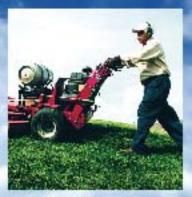


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President's Message



Debbie Cannon

I hope everyone has had and continues to have a great winter season! Seems that everyone that I have seen or talk to has been extremely busy. Margins have been good and prices have remained stable, unlike last year!

Now that we are at the tail end of winter, I hope you are all thinking about train-

ing. Don't forget that APGA has some great training classes scheduled for the upcoming year, and it is time to start signing up for these. Also, don't forget to mark your calendars for the upcoming Driver/Service Personnel Conference planned for May 12-13, 2015 in Birmingham, AL. This should be a fun, educational event, and I hope to see you all there.

Our next board meeting will be held on March 17, 2015 at the APGA office in Prattville. We will be discussing and voting on a location for our joint convention with Louisiana in 2016, and we need all of your input, so please try to attend. Committee meetings will be held prior to the board meeting starting with Safety & Education at 9:30, Governmental Affairs at 11:00, and Convention Committee at 12:30 following lunch. The board meeting will start at 1:45.

I hope to see you all at the March meeting, until then Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Mardi Gras!

Laissez les bon temps roulez!❖





LP Gas Board

Comments & Reviews

by Mark Nelson, Administrator

The Alabama LP-Gas Board held its regular quarterly meeting on January 08, 2015. The board elected annual officers with Wayne Caylor of South Alabama Gas continuing to serve as Chairman and Robert Reed of the Public Service Commission as Vice-Chairman. Chairman Caylor recognized Benny Gay who was reappointed by Governor Bentley to serve a second term as board member representing southeastern Alabama. Mr. Gay's term will expire on November 28, 2020.

Rules and Regulation Committee Chairman Scott Lybarger provided the board with an update on the committee's efforts in developing training standards for industry employees within the state. It is expected that the committee will be bringing a recommendation to the board in the near future. Any changes must be adopted in accordance with the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act which will provide opportunity for all stakeholders to contribute to the process.

The board also considered fines and settlement agreements for various code violations over the past three years. Using data from fine amounts in settlement agreements processed during the previous three years, the board approved a schedule of "preapproved" settlement amounts for common code violations. These preapproved settlement amounts shall serve as fines in future settlement agreements for first offenders of the stated offenses. The preapproved amounts may be viewed on the board's website. The board approved the following per-

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The next regular quarterly meeting of the Alabama LP-Gas Board will be April 9, 2015, 10:00 a.m., at the AUM Center for Lifelong Learning, 75 TechnaCenter Drive, Montgomery, AL 36117. Check our website at www.lpgb. alabama.gov for a map with driving directions. You are invited and encouraged to attend. ❖



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Executive Director's Message



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Propane Industry Impact on U.S. and State Economies

The propane industry is an important contributor to the U.S. economy. In 2012, propane could be found in nearly 50 million American households where it is used for primary or secondary space heating, cooking, clothes drying, or grilling. 5.5 million homes rely on propane as their primary heating fuel. The propane industry also delivered energy to more than 800 thousand commercial customers, 200 thousand agricultural customers, and 200 thousand industrial customers, and provided fuel for about 140 thousand vehicles, all of which contribute to U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and employment.

The Propane Education and Research Council (PERC) retained ICF International (ICF) develop a study examining the propane industry's impact on U.S. and State economies. PERC, the National Propane Gas Association (NPGA), and ICF worked together to develop the study. ICF's analysis evaluates the GDP contribution of each segment of the propane industry at both the national and state levels. An added emphasis in this value chain analysis is the disaggregation of domestic, North American, and

imported sources in the value and volume of odorized propane.

This value chain analysis calculates the value added, employment, and wages for 2012 — the latest year for which the full set of input data required for this study is available. •

3.3 Odorized Propane's Impact on Alabama Economy

2012 Odorized Propane Sales Breakout			
	(Gallons)	(% of State)	
Residential	44,317,000	46.6%	
Commercial	22,441,000	23.6%	
Cylinder	1,694,000	1.8%	
Internal Combustion	7,590,000	8.0%	
Industrial	8,197,000	8.6%	
Agricultural	10,776,000	11.3%	
Total Alabama Odorized Propane Demand	95,015,000	100.0%	
Total Propane-Heated Households	134,114		
Propane Share of Alabama Home Heating		7.27%	

2012 Contribution to State Ed	conomy
2012 Contribution to State Ed	(\$1,000)
Total Market Value of Odorized Propane Sold in Alabama (\$1,000)	\$179,484
Supply Transportation, Storage, and Wholesale Retail	\$53,371 \$5,925 \$78,671
Total Direct Value Added in Alabama	\$137,967
Indirect and Induced Total Odorized Propane Industry Contribution to Alabama GDP	\$312,963 \$450,930

2012 Employment		
Production Transportation, Storage, and Wholesale Retail	157 24 964	
Direct Alabama Employment Related to Odorized Propane 1,145		

2012 Labor Income		
	(\$1,000)	
Production Transportation, Storage, and Wholesale Retail	\$16,857 \$1,790 \$32,029	
Direct Labor Income in Alabama Odorized \$50,676 Propane Industry		

2012 Odorized Propane Production			
	(Gallons)	(% of U.S. Total)	
Refineries Gas Processing Plants	11,036,000 41,337,000	0.56% 0.81%	
Total Alabama Odorized Propane Production	52,373,000	0.74%	



Safety & Education

After reading recent news reports and PERC articles with headlines including "Two hospitalized from carbon monoxide poisoning," "One hundred evacuated after carbon monoxide is indicated," and "Thirty people exposed to carbon monoxide poisoning," I thought it would be a good time to review this safety concern. Carbon monoxide poisoning causes more than four hundred (400) deaths and twenty thousand (20,000) emergency room visits annually nationwide.

Two-thirds of all non-fire related carbon monoxide deaths in the U.S. take place during the four coldest months of the year: November, December, January and February. Increased use of home furnaces and portable heaters during these months and portable gas generators during power outages contributes to carbon monoxide poisoning.

The question is, how do we reduce the danger? The best way to address the danger is prevention through the installation of carbon monoxide detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors should be required in all homes, residences and public buildings because of the potential danger and the low cost of installing them. Because of today's improved technology, detectors are less likely to signal a false alarm.

According to Michigan State University Extension, some other ways to reduce potential exposure to carbon monoxide are:

- Make sure appliances are installed and operating according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Check to insure all fuel burning appliances and heating equipment are properly maintained and vented and vents are clear.
- Never operate a portable generator or other gas-powered equipment in any enclosed structure-including a basement, garage or shed.
- Never leave a car running in the garage even when the garage door is open.
- Never use gas appliances, such as ranges, dryers, or ovens, to heat your home.
- Do not cover the bottom of a gas or propane oven with aluminum foil. This will block the combustion air flow and produce carbon monoxide.

Remember! Carbon monoxide is the result of incomplete combustion. Because it is odorless, colorless and tasteless, it can be difficult to detect. Some propane companies may handle carbon monoxide detection, while

others refer calls to the fire department. If your company does address these issues, you should be familiar with these signs and symptoms:

- customer complains of chronic headache or nausea, feeling off-balance and light-headed, or cold or flu-like symptoms;
 - houseplants are dying;
- there is a chronic odor and the source or cause cannot be detected or located (aldehydes);

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In Memory of Chuck Brandon - Former NPGA Southeastern Regional Manager

Mr. Charles "Chuck" Lewis Brandon, age 76, of Acworth, GA, passed away on December 28, 2014. A native of Pontotoc, MS, Chuck was born on September 17, 1938,

the son of the late William Charles and Lorene Elizabeth Sneed Brandon. He was a 1960 graduate of Mississippi College in Clinton, MS. He was a lifetime Jaycee and was a member of the Senator's Crew.

Chuck began his career in the propane industry in November 1985 when he was hired as the Regional Manager for the National Propane Gas Association. In 1987, he took over the management of the NPGA South-

eastern Convention and turned it into the premier propane trade show in the industry. Chuck managed the show until he retired from NPGA in 2006. Chuck also served as the Executive Director of the SC Propane Gas Association

from 1988 through 2000.

Chuck never met a stranger and could talk with anyone on most any subject. Chuck gave many motivational

speeches to youth groups and spoke at numerous prayer breakfasts both at churches and industry meetings. He was a former member and deacon of the Wildwood Baptist Church. He also organized the 1st Special Olympics in Tulsa, OK. Chuck was a true friend who will be missed.

Chuck is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Ruth McEarley Brandon; his son, Charles Allen Brandon of Dallas, Ga;

his daughter, Bradlea Reibly of Woodstock, GA; and five grandchildren, Charles Eason Brandon, Mayson Brandon, Semmie Brandon, Brandon Reibly, and Sarah Reibly. ❖



Ohio Federal Court Dismisses Lawsuit Against CSST Manufacturer

An Ohio federal court dismissed a class action lawsuit against a manufacturer of corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) on December 16, 2014. The Court handed down its decision in Schoelwer v. Omega Flex, Inc. in a suit brought by homeowner Joan Schoelwer. Among other things, the Court found that Schoelwer's claim was based only on the possibility of an injury and was therefore, too speculative for the case to proceed through the court system.

TracPipe

Omega Flex was the manufacturer and distributor of CSST pipe known by the trade brand name "TracPipe." As many readers are aware, CSST was developed as an alternative to fixed black iron pipe. This case involves TracPipe's use in transporting natural gas, but TracPipe is also used to transport propane. Several CSST advantages have been promoted over the years, including the ease of installation. However, the product is also known to be vul-

nerable to failure due to lightning strikes near or in the area of a building or residence in which it is installed. Accordingly, the product must be properly bonded and grounded by the installer.

In October 1999, Omega Flex published a TracPipe design and installation guide instructing installers to properly bond the pipe to the building's electrical grounding system. Two years later, Omega Flex learned that TracPipe had not been properly bonded when it was installed in some homes in Tennessee and that the TracPipe "had been punctured by energy allegedly generated by an indirect lightning strike near the homes," which can lead to fires or catastrophic loss. Omega Flex was aware of TracPipe's susceptibility to lightning strikes and also learned that its installation instructions were not being uniformly followed or enforced. This knowledge led to Omega Flex developing and introducing the product "CounterStrikeI" in 2004, which also must be properly bonded when installed.

Omega Flex continued efforts to produce a CSST that could withstand damage from indirect lightning strikes. It officially removed TracPipe from the market in 2011 when it introduced a new product "CounterStrikeII." Omega Flex stated in advertising and promotional brochures that the TracPipe sold prior to 2011 "is a safe product also, but it has to be installed properly."

Along these lines, the Schoelwer court noted in its decision that in 2012 the National Association of State Fire Marshals started a "Yellow CSST Safety Campaign" to raise the "public and local enforcement authorities' awareness of the proper bonding requirements for old-style 'yellow' CSST (which includes TracPipe)." The Court also noted that as "part of this national campaign, many state and local fire marshals began issuing recommendations that installed CSST systems be inspected for proper electrical bonding."



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Schoelwer's Claims

Schoelwer owned a home in Cincinnati in which TracPipe was installed in 2007, although she did not identify the installer in her complaint. At some point in 2013, she had a home inspector check to see if the TracPipe had been properly bonded when installed. The inspector determined that it was not, and in March 2014 Schoelwer paid \$578 to have it properly grounded and bonded.

In her complaint against Omega Flex, Schoelwer brought three claims: that TracPipe is defective in design and manufacture; that Omega Flex breached its implied warranty for the product; and that Omega Flex negligently failure to warn consumers about its potential hazards, including the need to inspect installed TracPipe and if necessary, have it properly bonded. Notably, Schoelwer did not claim that the TracPipe installed in her home had failed or caused any damage.

Although Omega Flex manufactures and distributes CSST, it does not sell CSST directly to consumers and it does not install the pipe. However, in her lawsuit, Schoelwer claimed that Omega Flex had failed to acknowledge the fact that many homes in Ohio have improperly bonded TracPipe installations. Additionally, she noted that Omega Flex changed its installation instructions several times since TracPipe came on the market, but failed to inform homeowners and consumers of the new instructions. She also claimed that Omega Flex failed to train installers about new National Fuel Gas Code (NFPA 54) requirements for "direct bonding of CSST to a building's grounding conductor." Additionally, Schoelwer asserted that although Omega Flex issued certification cards to installers who completed an installer certification program, the cards lacked expiration dates. The Court also noted Schoelwer's related assertion that because the cards lacked an expiration date, installers who had not been trained on the current Code and installation instructions could still show their certification cards to a CSST distributor and purchase CSST components.

Class Action

In addition to asserting her individual claim, Schoelwer attempted to represent a class defined as "all persons or entities in the state of Ohio who own a house, or other structure, in which Omega Flex's TracPipe is installed." On behalf of this class, Schoelwer sought to recover costs to inspect and remedy faulty installations. She also sought recovery of the alleged loss of the "benefit of the bargain" (the alleged difference between the value of TracPipe as originally warranted and the value of the pipe as actually

installed), as well as an alleged diminution in the resale value of her home and the homes of the other class members.

Standing to Sue

The main battleground that led to this ruling is based on the legal concept "standing to sue." Standing to sue means that the plaintiff must have suffered an actual injury in order to maintain the lawsuit. Schoelwer originally sued Omega Flex in July 2013, asserting that TracPipe must be removed from all structures due to the danger it posed from indirect lightning strikes. In that suit, Omega Flex filed a motion to dismiss on several grounds, with the key one being that Schoelwer lacked standing to sue because she did not allege an actual injury in fact. As noted above, Schoelwer made no claims that her TracPipe had failed or caused any damage. Two days after a hearing on Omega Flex's motion to dismiss, Schoelwer voluntarily dismissed her initial lawsuit.

After the dismissal, Schoelwer informed Omega Flex that she was going to have her TracPipe properly bonded and she invited Omega Flex to inspect the piping before the work was started. Omega Flex did an inspection at its own cost and found the TracPipe was improperly bonded. Omega Flex offered to perform the repairs at its own expense, but Schoelwer declined and paid \$578 for the work to properly bond the TracPipe.

In May 2014, Schoelwer filed her new lawsuit suit. Omega Flex again filed a motion to dismiss based on Schoelwer's lack of standing to pursue her claims. Omega Flex argued that the fact that Schoelwer voluntarily paid to have the TracPipe bonded in order to avoid speculative harm that might not ever occur was not enough to establish that an injury in fact has occurred. Omega Flex also contended that it does not install the TracPipe and any errors as to installation would be the result of the installer's conduct alone. Additionally, Omega Flex asserted that the fact Schoelwer declined Omega Flex's offer of full relief, equating to payment for the inspection and costs to correct the improper bonding, before the filing of this lawsuit bars her claim.

Court Ruling

In its ruling, the Court determined that Schoelwer's complaint did not plausibly allege that the TracPipe caused or will cause an injury that is concrete, actual, and imminent. It cited the very low risk of a lightning-induced failure, and decisions from other courts rejecting similar lawsuits involving CSST as follows:

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"After considering the parties' arguments and the authorities discussed, the Court concludes that Schoelwer has not alleged an injury in fact that is sufficient to confer ... standing. She alleges that TracPipe is defective because personal injury or property damage might occur if stray lightning should strike near her home, and if an electrical current is generated by the lightning, and if that current should travel into her home, and if that current should blow a hole in the TracPipe. In Hasley v. Ward Mfg. ... the district court cited plaintiff's allegation that 141 fires have been reported involving lightning strikes and all brands of CSST piping, and that the number of CSST installations in homes nationwide is over 5 million. Schoelwer alleges that Omega Flex has 35% of the CSST market, and that there are thousands if not tens of thousands of TracPipe installations in Ohio alone. This alleged risk of future injury is not sufficiently certain or imminent to confer standing, as the reported cases involving similar CSST claims have found." (emphasis added)

In short, the Court rejected the notion that Schoelwer's payment of \$578 to have her CSST properly bonded and grounded constituted a sufficient injury to allow her lawsuit against Omega Flex to proceed. The Court stated the costs are not fairly traceable to Omega Flex, but instead to

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the installer of the CSST. As to Schoelwer's allegation that she did not receive the benefit of the bargain, the Court noted Schoelwer's claim fails because her complaint did not include any assertions that she bought the TracPipe from Omega Flex, or paid Omega Flex to install it, or had any direct dealings with Omega Flex. Additionally, Schoelwer did not claim the product failed to perform its intended use of delivering fuel to the gas-fueled appliances in her home. The Court reasoned that "unless a stray lightning strike should generate sufficient electrical current that might travel into Schoelwer's home, the product is performing its intended function."

The Court also rejected Schoelwer's claim that the improperly bonded TracPipe caused a diminution in the resale value of her home as entirely speculative. The Court noted Schoelwer did not assert she had put her house on the market and discovered the home had lost value due to the TracPipe in use and further noted that in fact, the TracPipe was now properly bonded and had been since before Schoelwer filed her complaint.

* * *

This decision marks another legal victory for CSST manufacturers. However, lawsuits over CSST will continue, especially where the suits allege an actual failure of the pipe. At this point, no appeal had been filed in Schoelwer v. Omega Flex, but an appeal in this type of lawsuit would not be unusual. What we can glean from this case at a minimum, is that decisions like this will tend to focus the litigation on CSST installers or those who directly sell CSST to consumers.

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On another note, let me take this opportunity to acknowledge my former law partner, Mark Krause, a longtime contributor to this publication who retired at the end of 2014. Mark's most recent article for this publication provided his insights on the propane industry's risk management efforts over the years, based on his 25 years of providing legal representation to companies in the industry. If you haven't had a chance to review Mark's December 2014 article, you may want to carve out a few minutes to do so. It's a good read. I had the privilege of working with Mark on legal issues analysis for the propane industry for a number of years. We will miss Mark, but wish him all the best and much happiness as he begins this new chapter in his life. Happy New Year! All the best to you, your companies and the propane industry overall in 2015. ��

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Southeastern Convention & International Propane Expo

2015 SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE



Saturday, April 11

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration

9:00 am 3:15 pm Concurrent Education Sessions

3:30 cm - 4:00 pm PERC Update 4:00 cm - 5:00 pm Keynote Speaker

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Exhibit Half Welcomb Reception

Sunday, April 12

7:00.am - 5:00.pmRegistration

7:30 am - 9:00 am Fraver Breakfast

9:00 am - 10:00 am Concurrent Education Sessional

10:00 am - 4:30 pm Exhibit Hall Open.

10:15 am - 4:00 pmFast-Track Sessions

in Exhibit Hall

Cortification Sessions 10:15 am + 3:15 pm

in Exhibit Hall.

3.30 pm - 5.00 pmWomen in Propane Roundtable:

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Women in Propand

Networking Reception.

7:30 pm - 12:00 am.Young Gassers Reception

Monday, April 13

7:00 am - 2:00 pm Registration

10:00 am 11:00 am State Association Meetings

Exhibit Hall Open 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

10:15 am - 12:00 pm Fast Track Session

in Exhibit Hall.

10:15 am - 12:30 pm Certification Sessions

in Exhibit Hall.

2015 Southeastern Advisory Council

NPGA would like to recognize the tireless efforts and southern hospitality of the Southensigns Advisory. Committee in the planning of this year's MPCA Southeastern Convention & International Propage Expa. The committee is comprised of the State: Fresidents, State Directors, and State Association Executives from the following states: Alatama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carating, and Tennessee. The NPGA Southeastern and Mid South District Directors also serve on the committee A warm thank you goes out to these dedicated representatives of the industry. This year Deargia is the *Expois* host state.

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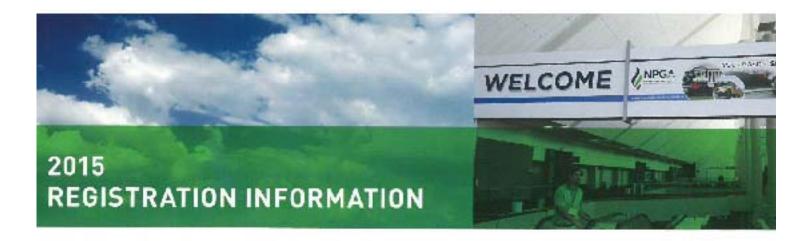
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Call 866-446-3551 (Open 24hours/7 days a week)

Online Reservations: www.PropaneExpo.com/Hotels

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Hotels	Rate
Marriott Micropie [Readquarters]	\$189
Omni at CNN Carrier	\$179
Em Lassy Suites	\$175
Hillon Carpen Inc.	\$179
He day Inn Towntown	\$133
Hyatt Regency	\$155
Westin Reachtree Plaza	5157

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Alabama Propane Gas Association SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

SECTION A Selection Committee — The APGA Scholarships, hereinafter referred to as "scholarship", shall be chosen by a committee consisting of:

- 1) State Director to NPGA, Chairman
- 2) Safety & Education Committee Chair
- 3) Four District Directors
- 4) President of APGA
- 5) Immediate Past President non-voting except in case of tie
- •Any Scholarship Committee member whose child is an applicant shall not be eligible to vote.
- •Any Scholarship Committee member whose employee's child is an applicant shall not be eligible to vote.
- •Ineligible members will be replaced by appointees made by the executive director.
- •The Committee shall make a selection no later than May 20th. Prior to May 20th, applications shall be screened to assure that all eligibility requirements have been met.
- •The Committee will make no selection without a minimum of five committee members voting.

SECTION B Application — Applications for the scholarships shall be submitted to the APGA Executive Director. APGA will accept NPGA Scholarship Applications. Applicants should request NPGA forward the application and documents to APGA for consideration. The Executive Director will distribute blind copies to each Scholarship Committee member.

SECTION C Eligibility — Application for the scholar-ships shall be limited to:

- •Children whose father or mother are employees but nonofficers of a company in good standing in APGA and who are currently working in sales, deliveries, service, manufacturing and/or administration in the propane industry and who have also been employed no less than one year in the industry prior to application.
- •Full-time employees (30 hours or more per week) who are non-officers of a company in good standing in APGA and who are currently working in sales, deliveries, service, manufacturing and/or administration in the propane industry and who have also been employed no less than one year in the industry prior to application.
- •The applicant must be a high school senior or high school graduate who is planning or is attending college or a technical school. Transcripts for two previous years (either high school, college or a combination of both) and SAT/ACT scores must be attached to each application.

SECTION D Deadline — Applications must be post-marked no later than May 1st. If no eligible candidate has applied, the scholarships will not be awarded.

SECTION E Granting Scholarships — The scholarships will be awarded in the amount of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) per year, for one year only. Applicants may re-apply for the scholarship, but only two recipients will be selected each year. The scholarships will be paid in equal amounts each quarter, or semester, according to school requirements. It will be paid to the recipients and the schools of their choice after receiving proof of acceptance and registration. Applicants must maintain an overall grade point average of 3.0, B, or 86, and must submit transcript each quarter/semester to the Association.

SECTION F Funding the Scholarships — Monies collected for the scholarships shall be held in an interest bearing account overseen by the APGA Board of Directors. All contributions for the scholarship shall be made to the APGA Scholarship Fund. Billing for Auction purchases or other fund-raising activities shall show "contribution to APGA Scholarship Fund".

The APGA Scholarship Fund is intended to be self-supporting. However, if all other sources of income should fail to provide the annual monies needed, the balance shall be taken from the APGA General Fund.

SECTION G Additional Eligibility — To be eligible for the Alabama Propane Gas Association scholarship, an applicant must submit the following credentials to the Scholarship Committee by the May 1st deadline:

- 1) An application for the scholarship.
- 2) Transcripts for the last two years.
- 3) Two letters of recommendations: one may be a friend of the family, employer, or person in the community and the other must be a current or former faculty member.
- 4) Statement of Purpose: a letter from the applicant stating why they are seeking a scholarship, what their plans are for a future career, and what their financial need is.
- 5) List of Activities and Honors
- 6) Enrollment Certification from college or university or letter where applicant has been accepted.

SECTION H Point System — The applicant will be judged by the point system as follows: 60 points for Scholarship Application

- 1) 10 Points Honors Received
- 2) 10 Points Activities
- 3) 10 Points SAT/ACT Scores
- 4) 10 Points Statement of Purpose
- 5) 10 Points Letters of Recommendation
- 6) 10 Points Financial Need

APPLICATION FOR APGA SCHOLARSHIP

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
DAYTIME PHONE #: ()	EVENING PHONE #: ()
DATE OF BIRTH: MONTH/DAY/YEAR	DATE OF H.S. GRADUATION: MONTH/YEAR
HIGH SCHOOL: NAME	CITY STATE
GPA (GRADES 9-12): H	IIGHEST ACT SCORE: SAT SCORE:
COLLEGE ATTENDING/PLANNING TO A	TTEND:
HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED:YES	NO
MAJOR:	MINOR:
HAVE YOU MADE APPLICATIONS FOR C	OTHER GRANTS OR SCHOLARSHIPS: YES NO
	D A GRANT OR SCHOLARSHIP, PLEASE LIST ON A E OF THE SCHOLARSHIP(S) AND THE AMOUNT(S).
IF SELECTED, YOU MUST FURNISH A C	COPY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPT TO APGA QUARTERLY.
	ND/OR ACHIEVEMENTS YOU HAVE RECEIVED OR MADE O, INCLUDE ANY ACTIVITIES YOU ARE INVOLVED IN.
NAME OF FATHER OR MOTHER EMPLO	YED IN THE PROPANE INDUSTRY:
EMPLOYED BY:	CITY:
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Attachments: See Section G of the Sch	olarship Program Guidelines for additional requirements.
Deadline: Applications must be postmarked r scholarships will not be awarded.	no later than May 1st. If no eligible candidates have applied, the
Applicant's Signature:	
	nit Application and Documents to: 173 Medical Center Drive, Prattville, AL 36066

Telephone:334-358-9590 Fax:334-358-9520 Email: info@alabamapropane.com

ENROLLMENT CERTIFICATION

TO: ADMISSIONS OFFICER

I am seeking scholarship assistance from the Alabama Propane Gas Association. The deadline for receiving applications is May 1st. All applications must be in the Association office by the deadline and must be accompanied by an enrollment certification. Please complete the information below and return to me as soon as I have been accepted.

		Signed
		(Scholarship Applicant)
TO:	Alabama Propane Gas Association Schol	arship Committee
1.	This is to certify that	
	(Scholars	hip Applicant)
	(Name of Course)	·
2.	We understand that a scholarship grant is	only payable to the School for credit to the student's
accoi	unt. Make scholarship checks payable to:	
	(School)	
	(Department)	(Signed)
	(Street or P.O. Box)	(Title)
	(City, State, Zip Code)	(Date)

TO: Applicant

The Scholarship Committee does not review requests for assistance until verification is received that the applicant has been accepted for enrollment. Be sure to have this form completed by the Admissions Officer, and forward along with your application form or forward a copy of your letter of acceptance with your application form.



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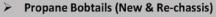




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