



Income-Qualified Trade School Scholarship for Adults



SCHOLARSHIP RULES

Silicon Valley Power is offering trade school scholarships to support careers in the energy industry. The program is open to income-qualified Santa Clara residents who meet all eligibility requirements. It is intended to provide the training and education to help residents find meaningful work at a livable wage. Scholarship applications will be accepted quarterly with deadlines on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 annually. Students will be notified of the decision within one month of the deadline.

Eligibility

- Silicon Valley Power residential customers 17 years of age or older. Proof of Santa Clara residence is required if applicant is not the electric utility customer of record.
- High school students are not eligible unless they are within 3 months of high school graduation.
- Applicant must reside in a household that is currently enrolled in the Financial Rate Assistance Program (FRAP) and have provided income verification within the previous 12 months.
- One scholarship per person with a maximum of two scholarship recipients per household.
- Applicant must not be collecting social security or other retirement income and must not be on permanent disability.
- Must be eligible for work in the U.S.
- Applicant must be enrolled and begin the qualifying trade school program in the energy field within 3 months of receiving the scholarship.
- College degree programs are ineligible.
- Program coursework must start within 3 months of scholarship award.
- Award of scholarships is at the sole discretion of Silicon Valley Power.

Scholarship Application Requirements

- Proof of Santa Clara residence within a household enrolled in the FRAP program if applicant is not the electric utility customer of record.
- Cover letter
- Statement of financial need
 - Include cost of the trade school program, including program tuition, books and materials. List any financial aid received.
 - If training is already underway, include remaining costs to complete the program and how expenses will be covered if a scholarship is not awarded.
- Essay explaining your career goals and how this trade school scholarship will help you to achieve those goals.
 - Include the following in your essay:
 - Why are you interested in pursuing this career?
 - How will this scholarship help you achieve your goals?
 - What is your plan to pursue this career path if you do not receive this scholarship?
 - Essay should be single spaced at size 11-12 font.
 - Minimum 1 full page, maximum 2 pages.
- Two letters of recommendation
 - One academic or professional and one personal, from a non-family member.
 - Letters of recommendation should comment on your ability to complete the trade school program and be successful in the career path selected.



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- Trade school must support a career in the energy industry.
 - Eligible careers include:
 - Solar Installer
 - HVAC Technician
 - Electric Lineworker
 - Generation Technician
 - Building Controls Technician
 - Electrician
 - Other careers may be considered if they meet the program requirements.

Required Documents

- Scholarship Application
- Proof of residency at the address enrolled in FRAP, if applicable
- Cover Letter
- Statement of Financial Need
- Essay
- Two Letters of Recommendation

Payment

- Scholarship amounts are 75% of tuition cost up to \$5,000 for FRAP customers and 100% of tuition cost up to \$5,000 for customers who meet the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) income qualifications.
- Payment will be made in installments upon completion of class(es). Payment structure will be on a case-by-case basis depending on each trade school's payment requirements and is at the sole discretion of Silicon Valley Power.

Submit your completed application and required documents by email or mail to:

Email: cutcosts@siliconvalleypower.com

Use the subject title "Income-Qualified Trade School Scholarship for Adults - <participant name>"
Ensure the total file size does not exceed 8 MB or the email may not be received.

Mail: Silicon Valley Power
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