

Star Applicant's FAQ's:

1) What is my region?

Your region is based on your permanent address this is typically the same address as your parent or guardian. For help in locating your region, visit here <http://www.spe.org/about/regions.php>.

2) What is the difference between a scholarship and a fellowship?

Scholarships are for students planning to enter university for the first time and students already enrolled pursuing their undergraduate degree.

Fellowships are for graduate or postgraduate students pursuing their masters or PhD.

3) Am I eligible for both a scholarship and a fellowship?

No, you may only apply for one type of funding. Scholarships are for undergraduate students while fellowships are for graduate students.

4) Where on the online application do I select Scholarship or Fellowship?

You do not select Scholarship or Fellowship on your application. Based on certain criteria you complete on your application, the scholarship committee will deem which you are eligible for.

5) My University offers a 5 year Master's program; would I be eligible for a scholarship or fellowship?

If applicant is enrolled in a dual BS/MS degree program, the student would be eligible for a Fellowship.

6) Do I have to study in the region I am awarded the scholarship?

No, you may attend university in any region.

7) Do I have to be a member to apply?

Yes, if you meet membership eligibility requirements you must be a current paid member. If you have never attended university before and do not currently meet membership requirements you are still eligible to apply but must become a member if you are awarded a scholarship. Visit www.spe.org/join to become a student member today.

8) When are applications due?

All applications must be received by **15 March**.

9) When are the recipients announced?

Recipients will be listed on www.spe.org/go/star by 20 May.

10) What is the amount of funding for scholarships and fellowships in my region?

Funding for your Region can be found by visiting <http://www.spe.org/scholarships/docs/starfunds.pdf>.

If you need help determining your Region, use your permanent address to locate your Region by visiting here <http://www.spe.org/about/regions.php>

11) Can the funds only be used for tuition?

No, the funding does not have to be used only for tuition. It must be used for educational purposes such as tuition, books, living expenses, or a computer.

12) I am in my last year of university, can I still apply?

The funding is intended to be a long term commitment therefore students ideally should be enrolled for a minimum of 15 months from the announcement date and are required to be enrolled at least until December of this year.

13) Is the scholarship only for petroleum engineering students?

No, it is open to all students interested in pursuing a degree related to the oil and gas industry.

14) Can I still apply and be considered for other SPE scholarships or fellowships?

Yes, you can still apply and be considered for SPE scholarships and fellowships such as the Gus Archie Memorial Scholarship, Henry DeWitt Smith Memorial Fellowship, Nico van Wingen Memorial Fellowship, or Section Scholarships.

15) What is a university entrance exam?

A university entrance exam is a standardized aptitude test required prior to acceptance in university. Common examples are the ACT, SAT, GRE, GMAT, IIT JEE (India), and Thanawya Ama (Egypt).

16) My university does not require a university entrance exam. Do I need to take an exam to be considered for the program?

No, you are not required to take an entrance exam to be considered. Please indicate you were not required to take a university entrance exam by marking N/A for not applicable. .

17) What is a letter of recommendation and what if I do not submit one?

A letter of recommendation is typically written by a professor, advisor, or employer that vouches for the student's character, academics, and outstanding qualities. The letter **must be in English** and should be written by someone that knows you well personally and professionally. If you do not attach a letter of recommendation with your completed application, your application will be deemed incomplete and therefore ineligible. There is a link at the end of your online application to attach your letter(s).

18) What if the person completing my letter of recommendation does not feel comfortable giving it to me to attach directly to my application?

We prefer everything to be attached by the applicant before the time of submission. We recommend you relay this to the person you are getting your letter of recommendation from. This allows you, as the applicant, to be sure that everything you submit is correct.