

2020-2021 SPE-PB Scholarship

Information Sheet

**Background**

The Permian Basin Section of Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE-PB) supports college students pursuing careers in the petroleum industry. SPE-PB offers scholarships to encourage the pursuit of Petroleum Engineering and related engineering degrees. SPE-PB awarded $76,000 to 16 students for the 2018-2019 school year, and $92,000 to 18 students for the 2019-2020 school year. The Permian Basin SPE Section will award six Distinguished Scholarships each year (described below), as well as regular scholarships. The regular scholarships were $4,000 for the 2019-2020 school year. The number of regular scholarships will vary from year to year.

The six Distinguished Scholarships will be awarded to the top six applicants. These Scholarships were established to honor six outstanding contributors to SPE International who are/were affiliated with the Permian Basin Section. These Scholarships are:

* Presidential Scholarships (3): Which honor the three past SPEI presidents that reside in Midland, Ed Runyan (SPEI President 1975), Arlen Edgar (SPEI President 1981), and T. Scott Hickman (SPEI President 1997)
* Two Memorial Scholarships that were established to honor the memory of two extraordinary volunteers and advocates of the Permian Basin Section, The Richard Prentice Memorial Scholarship and the Hoxie Smith Memorial Scholarship.
* Stephen Melzer Scholarship

Please review the descriptions below about the extraordinary Petroleum Engineers the Permian Basin Section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers honors each year with the award of the five Distinguished Scholarship Awards.

* Presidential Scholarships are to honor the three past SPE International Presidents that have been members of the Permian Basin SPE Section: Arlen Edgar, Scott Hickman, and Ed Runyan. The Presidential Scholarship will be awarded to the candidate that displays the qualities that exemplify a leader. The recipient of the Presidents Scholarship should aspire to become a leader, and be able to demonstrate past, present or future leadership opportunities or skills. SPE is a volunteer organization, and therefore relies upon its volunteer members, so the recipient of the Presidential Scholarship should also be able to demonstrate an appreciation for volunteerism with past or present volunteer activities.
* The Richard Prentice Memorial Scholarship is in honor of an extraordinary member of the Permian Basin SPE Section. Richard (Dick) Prentice tirelessly served the Permian Basin SPE Section as well as his family, community and industry. Dick was a man of impeccable integrity and the epitome of responsible. Dick exemplified an ethical, highly competent, hardworking engineer. Dick had the heart of a volunteer, and in addition to serving on the SPE Permian Basin Board of Directors, Dick served on multiple other non-profit boards, helping to improve and better the community where he worked and lived. The Richard Prentice Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to the candidate that has conducted him or herself in an exemplary manner and can demonstrate a sense of responsibility to both education and community
* The Hoxie Smith Memorial Scholarship is in honor of an extraordinary member of the Permian Basin SPE Section. Hoxie Smith was a wonderful ambassador and advocate for the energy industry, and for life-long learning. Hoxie was an inspiration to all he met, he was gracious, optimistic, and devoted to all his chosen causes. The Permian Basin SPE Section was the proud recipient of Hoxie’s devotion. The Hoxie Smith Memorial scholarship will be awarded to the candidate that can demonstrate dedication to a cause, and a commitment to continued learning and education.
* The Stephen Melzer Scholarship recognizes Melzer for his vision and generosity to the Permian Basin Section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers. Melzer founded the annual CO2 Conference held in Midland every December, and donates a portion of the proceeds each year to fund SPE scholarships. The Stephen Melzer scholarship will be awarded to the candidate that can demonstrate teamwork, communication skills, humility, generosity, and a passion for education.

The six Distinguished Scholarship Awards are currently funded at $6000 each.

The Ed Runyan Presidential Scholarship Award has been gifted with an additional $10,000/year through the generosity of Mr. Runyan. This award goes to the top applicant as judged by the selection committee.

All scholarships are for one year and the award amount may vary from year to year based upon demand and section funding. Funding of scholarships is at the discretion of the SPE-PB Board of Directors.

Funds for our scholarships are raised primarily through the Section’s Golf Tournament, Plays & Clays clay shoot, the CO2 Conference and with additional support from our study groups. We are very appreciative for the generosity of the section members and Permian Basin companies that support our events and make our scholarship program possible.

Please note, in order to recognize and honor the sources of our scholarship funds, preference for receiving a scholarship will be given to students whose hometowns are in the Permian Basin, to those students who have an SPE member as a parent, grandparent or guardian, and to Students who are members of the SPE Student Chapters at Texas Tech University and the University of Texas-Permian Basin (UTPB). Preference will also be given to current SPE-PB scholarship recipients.

**Application and Eligibility**

We will be accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year beginning in December 2019.

The deadline for applications for the Permian Basin SPE Scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year will be March 27, 2020.

[Application](http://www.spe-pb.org/attachments/wysiwyg/2544/2009_2010_Scholarship_Application.doc) and [personal reference](http://www.spe-pb.org/attachments/wysiwyg/2544/2009_2010_Scholarship_Personal_Reference.doc) forms will be available in December on the website ***connect.spe.org/PermianBasin/Home***under the ‘About Us’ dropdownin downloadable form and also will include information on what material is required to submit a complete application.

In order to maintain scholarship eligibility, each student must:

1. Maintain enrollment in an accredited undergraduate engineering program
2. Maintain a course load of at least 12 credit hours per semester
3. Maintain a 3.0 or higher grade point average
4. Have the stated intention of pursuing a career in the petroleum industry
5. Financial need will be considered in addition to or in lieu of these requirements
6. Preference will be given to undergraduates, but graduate students will also be considered

Students who are currently receiving an SPE-PB Scholarship and are re-applying will be required to prove that they meet the requirements above, must submit an application and transcripts, but will not be required to submit essays or recommendation letters. If re-applying for a SPE-PB scholarship, it is not necessary to submit an essay and references; however, if you wish to update your essay and/or references, please feel free to submit those with your application.

This does not apply to The Distinguished Scholarship Awards. If you are currently receiving a Distinguished Scholarship Award, and would like to re-apply for a Distinguished Scholarship Award, you should furnish an updated application, essay, and references. Consider seeking references from Professors and/or Supervisors from summer work.

If you are currently receiving an SPE-PB Scholarship and would like to apply for The Distinguished Scholarship Awards, you must go through the complete application process, however, if you have maintained the requirements as stated above, your SPE-PB scholarship will not be at risk should you not be awarded The Distinguished Scholarship Award.

Please submit a complete application, with references, on time, in order to be considered for our scholarship. All components of the complete application must be mailed to the Permian Basin SPE P.O. Box 3366, Midland, TX 79702 and postmarked no later than March 27, 2020. If preferred, you may email all documents **(except transcripts which must be official and mailed by the school)** to egraybill@chevron.com with “SPE-PB Scholarship Application” as the subject. However, references must be emailed from the person referring the applicant. The scholarship committee begins reviewing the applications in early April. Recipients will be notified before the SPE Permian Basin Awards Banquet on April 23, 2020. **Incomplete or late applications will** not be accepted (No Exceptions).

If you need additional information on the section scholarships or other SPE scholarships, please contact the Permian Basin Section scholarship committee members Libby Einhorn at eeinhorn@concho.com, Jay Young at jay.young@resmetrics.com, or Evan Graybill at egraybill@chevron.com.