



Dear Students, Parents, and Sponsors,

Thank you for your interest in our unique High School Scholarship Program. The Clean Energy Cluster aspires to create a unique scholarship program for the San Joaquin Valley Community and....

We need you!

First and foremost, we understand that young people take many paths in order to eventually find their careers. Our scholarship is designed for seniors in high school interested in pursuing careers in the alternative energy and sustainability sectors. This includes students looking to enter technical or trade schools, junior colleges, and four-year universities. We want students not only interested in business, marketing, science, engineering, etc., but also certified electricians, welders, and installers. Our Champions, who helped put together this scholarship program, can testify to the unique paths one takes before finding a chosen career. Therefore, we want to give all students the opportunity to apply to this program.

Giving Back and Helping Others Moving Forward

Based on feedback from HR departments and employers, we put together a unique scoring system that accomplishes two things:

- 1) The scoring systems helps identify a well-rounded student that can function in the team oriented corporate culture of today. The scoring system ranks students based on their GPA, work experience, volunteering/community outreach, leadership, and team building skills developed through sports or clubs
- 2) The point systems is also real world example of what employers are looking for on resumes when determining ideal candidates for job interviews

Please [click here](#) for more information on the scholarship program. Applicants are required to provide a copy of their transcript and other supporting evidence to document achievements. Only those students with a 3.0 average can apply.

Applicants will be offered a unique incentive to apply. Our Champions, who come from unique backgrounds and career paths, will share their experience and career knowledge with all applicants. Before the announcement of the winner(s) of the Clean Energy Scholarship,



our Champions will sit down with students for informational interviews. We hope the knowledge provided by working professionals will not only provide guidance, but also the information to help students make more efficient career choices. **Deadline to apply is March 18, 2016.**

\$10,000.00 Scholarship Goal

Our goal is to raise \$10,000 by February 28th. With \$10,000 we will provide two students a one-year scholarship of \$5,000. If we raise less than \$5,000.00, we will provide only one scholarship. Example, if we raise \$4,250.00, one lucky student will receive all \$4,250.00. If we raise \$8,500 dollars, two students will split the \$8,500 equally (\$4,250 per student). Our stretch goal is \$20,000.00 for four students.

Donations and Sponsorship

The Clean Energy Cluster has created a donor advised fund, which is a tax deductible donation. All sponsorship for the April 8 On-Site Energy Generation and Sustainability event will go to the scholarship program. Here is a link to our sponsorship packages. If you would like to donate directly to our fund, please apply here.

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