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2026 Australian Energy Producers Education Scholarship Program



About Australian Energy Producers

Australian Energy Producers is the peak body of the explorers, developers and producers of essential energy – oil, gas and lower-emission fuels. We represent the businesses that are ensuring energy security and delivering substantial economic benefits to Australia while helping to deliver a cleaner energy future.

Our member companies produce around 95 per cent of Australia's oil and gas.

The oil and gas industry is critical to Australia's economy and energy security, contributing \$105 billion a year to the economy, supporting around 215,000 jobs and contributing \$21.9 billion in taxes and royalties in 2024–25 alone.

Our sector invests billions of dollars a year around Australia to provide reliable energy to homes and businesses, while supporting jobs and economic growth in the communities in which we operate.

The Australian oil and gas industry supports the Australian Government's goal of net zero across the economy by 2050, consistent with the objectives of the Paris Agreement.

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About the Australian Energy Producers Conference & Exhibition

The annual Australian Energy Producers Conference & Exhibition is the flagship event for Australia's oil and gas sector, bringing together more than 2,500 delegates and presenters from around the world including industry leaders, government decision-makers, investors, customers and key stakeholders.

The 2026 conference will explore our industry's vital role in addressing some of the most pressing energy challenges facing Australia and the region – from the regulatory reforms needed to ensure Australia remains globally competitive for investment, to the technological innovations that will drive the next generation of energy and emissions reduction solutions.

The exhibition is highly regarded by industry, attracting leading organisations in one place to provide delegates the opportunity to experience the latest technology innovations, tools and services from over 120 exhibitors each year.

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About the scholarship program

Australian Energy Producers is proud to launch a new-look Education Scholarship Program, replacing the long standing KA Richards and Tony Noon scholarships. Reflecting the industry's focus on energy security, decarbonisation, and low-emission technologies, the program supports the next generation of energy professionals across disciplines such as – but not limited to – engineering, geoscience, environmental science, and public relations.

Two opportunities are on offer. While applicants are welcome to apply for both, only one award can be secured.

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Australian Energy Producers Scholarship

Australian Energy Producers Scholarship provides funding of \$20,000 per annum for up to three years for one recipient. There is also the opportunity for the recipient to attend the Australian Energy Producers Conference & Exhibition in Adelaide in May 2026. Flights, accommodation and entry into the conference and exhibition are included.

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Australian Energy Producers Conference Attendance Award

Australian Energy Producers Conference Attendance Award allows for one recipient to attend the Australian Energy Producers Conference & Exhibition in Adelaide in May 2026. Flights, accommodation and entry into the conference and exhibition are included.

The scholarship and award are principally for educational purposes, however, mentoring or work experience with a member company may be available at points during the scholarship.

What we are looking for

Personal

- 1 Applicants are required to be 18 years or older
- 2 Applicants are required to be Australian citizens or permanent residents

Academic achievements/work experience tenure

The opportunities are offered subject to the recipient/s:

- 1 Attending an Australian university or TAFE-equivalent institution in 2026 and for the duration of the scholarship. They must have either successfully completed at least their first year of their undergraduate degree, or have gained admission into a postgraduate degree.
- 2 Continuing to be enrolled in an approved program of study, including, but not limited to, undergraduates, postgraduates and doctoral students (Bachelor degree or above, level 5–10 of the Australian Qualifications Framework), for the duration of the scholarship.
- 3 Successfully completing agreed academic progress checkpoints throughout the duration of the scholarship.

Career aspirations

Recipients must be preparing for a career in the upstream energy industry.

While many careers are grounded in STEM, careers in the sector increasingly span a broader range of fields to meet evolving industry needs.

Relevant areas of study include – but are not limited to – science, engineering, technology, mathematics, law, environmental studies, journalism, communications and marketing, business and commerce, stakeholder engagement.



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Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

Selection Criteria

- 1** A clear commitment to pursuing a career in the upstream energy industry.
- 2** Enrollment in a relevant discipline, including but not limited to science, engineering, technology, mathematics, law, environmental studies, journalism, communications and marketing, business and commerce, stakeholder engagement.
- 3** Development of hands-on or technical skills through coursework, vocational training, apprenticeships, projects, or industry placements.
- 4** Evidence of leadership, initiative, teamwork, and problem-solving ability demonstrated through study, training, work, or extracurricular activities.
- 5** Active involvement with communities, industry, or stakeholders, including collaboration, communication, or outreach.
- 6** A clear articulation of how the scholarship will support their progression into a role contributing to the upstream energy industry.
- 7** Evidence of volunteering or community engagement activities.



Terms and conditions

The terms and conditions of the Australian Energy Producers Scholarship Program can be found on the Australian Energy Producers **website**.

Application process

Applications open on **Thursday 16 October 2025** and close on **Friday 28 November 2025**.

If successful, Scholarships must be accepted within two weeks of the offer email being sent.

Downloadable application forms are available from the Australian Energy Producers **website**.

Scholarship queries

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