The Award
The K20 Energy Scholarship is available to 2015 high school graduates from Oklahoma school districts that partnered with OU’s K20 Center attending the University of Oklahoma. The K20 Energy-related STEM Scholarships are designed for entering OU freshmen with an interest in pursuing energy-related degrees (see preferred areas of study). Each scholarship award offers $500 per semester (for a total of eight semesters), and a one-time award of $1,000 to be used for a laptop computer and peripherals. In the final year, $500 will be set aside to fund a student designed, implemented and assessed service learning project in the student’s local community.

Eligibility
To be considered for the K20 Energy-related STEM Scholarship, the candidate must:
• Be an Oklahoma resident graduating from one of the K20 Center’s partner high schools or districts that has partnered with the K20 Center for leadership, science, technology, GEAR UP, or other projects.
• Be admitted to the University of Oklahoma for the 2015 academic year.
• Maintain superior academic progress (at least a 3.0 overall yearly cumulative GPA).
• Be enrolled at the Norman campus of the University of Oklahoma for the duration of the award as a full-time student in an energy-related STEM major.
• Demonstrate strong academic and leadership potential.
• Participate in K20 and/or STEM activities and volunteer hours each semester.
• Conduct a STEM-related Centerpiece Renewal Project.

Application Process
Those wishing to be considered for the K20 Energy Scholarship may receive the application by downloading the form from the K20 Center website: http://K20center.ou.edu/K20-Scholars

The following documents are required:
• The completed application form.
• A brief resume that illustrates demonstrated academic leadership and community involvement.
• Three letters of recommendation, one each from a teacher, principal, and community member.
• A list of honors, advanced placement, or concurrent enrollment courses taken with grade or score.
• One or two paragraphs that describe your interest in or plan for an energy-related STEM career.
• A six-hundred word essay on the topic, “Why the study of alternative energy is important.”

Applications and Letters of Recommendation may be submitted by e-mail, fax, or postal mail to:
Sharon Dean, Associate Director
K20 Center Energy Scholars
3100 Monitor Ave, Suite 200
Norman, Oklahoma 73072
Email: sdean@ou.edu
Phone: 405-325-7147
Fax: 405-325-5009

Applications must be received by April 1, 2015. Scholarship selections will be announced after May 21. Awards will be disbursed through the student’s bursar account.

Selection Committee
The selection committee will be comprised of K20 Center directors and board of advocates. Upon review of the applications (with possible personal interviews and review from representatives of the energy industry) the committee will make final award determinations. Awards will be reviewed annually for compliance with award guidelines.
Name: ___________________________________________  Prefer to be called: ___________________________________________

Permanent Address:  _______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Parents’ Name: ____________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone Number: ___________________________________________  Alternative/Mobile Phone Number: ______________________________

Date of Birth:  ______________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Email Address: _____________________________________________________________________________________________________________

High School:_______________________________________________________________________________________________________________

School District: _____________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Cumulative GPA: ____________________________  ACT or SAT: _______________________  Class Percentage: ________________________

Anticipated Major (and Minor if applicable) : ___________________________________________________________________________________

First-generation college graduate (first person in your immediate family to graduate from college)?
  _____Yes  _____No

Non-traditional student (single parent/adult returning to college) or transfer student?
  _____Yes  _____No

Is parent or guardian willing to attend orientation meeting?
  _____Yes  _____No

By signing and/or checking this box, you agree to the requirements set forth by the K20 Scholars program, to release all personally identifiable information related to this application to the K20 Center and the donor of the scholarship, and give permission to release academic records to the K20 Center as long as you are applying for or receiving such assistance.

Signature: _______________________________________________________________________________________________________

(Full Name)

Date: ______________________________  (MM/DD/YYYY)