DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS
2019- 2020

Scholarship Awards:

All current Petroleum Engineering students must apply for Petroleum Engineering department scholarships using the Texas A&M University Continuing Student Scholarship Application which is available on the Scholarship & Financial Aid website. This includes all students who have received Nelson and Von Gonten scholarships. Applications open on October 15, 2019 and are due by February 1, 2020. To apply, students must be full-time students (registered for at least 12 credit hours per semester) in good academic standing, and have a minimum GPA of 2.0. A student is not in good academic standing if he or she is on conduct probation or honor violation probation or has a GPA less than 2.0. Students who are on academic probation at the time of scholarship awarding will not be eligible to receive a departmental scholarship.

Petroleum Engineering department scholarships are awarded on an annual basis each Fall semester. Scholarship amounts are based on availability of funds and are paid in equal installments. The first installment will be paid at the beginning of the fall semester and the second at the beginning of the spring semester. The student must continue to meet departmental scholarship requirements to receive the second installment of the scholarship, and can only receive one departmental scholarship per academic year. Exceptions to the 12 credit hour rule may be granted to last semester graduating seniors on a case-by-case basis. If the exception is granted, the student may be awarded a proportional amount of the scholarship.

If annual scholarships are awarded to BA-ENGE students, the student must be taking courses toward a PETE degree, and be making satisfactory progress toward that degree. They will also be required to meet all other scholarship requirements, i.e. must be a full-time student (12 credit hours per semester) and be in good academic standing.

BA-ENGE, transfer and change of curriculum students who meet the Nelson Scholarship criteria are eligible to apply for a Nelson Scholarship. Applicants must complete the Nelson Scholarship Application and selections are made by the Petroleum Engineering Scholarship Committee. Selected students will remain on the scholarship as long as they meet the scholarship requirements and complete the University Continuing Student Scholarship Application. Students on Nelson Scholarships will be allowed a maximum of one semester of probation if their GPR falls below 3.0.

Petroleum Engineering students who meet the Kelly and Bill Von Gonten Scholarship criteria are eligible to apply by completing the Kelly and Bill Von Gonten Scholarship Application. Selections are made by the Petroleum Engineering Scholarship Committee. The selected student will remain on the scholarship as long as they meet the scholarship requirements, and complete the University Continuing Student Scholarship Application. A student on the Kelly and Bill Von Gonten Scholarship will be allowed a maximum of one semester of probation if their GPR falls below 3.0.

Scholarship Continuation:

The academic achievement of all current PETE and BA-ENGE-PE students who have been awarded departmental scholarships is reviewed prior to the Spring semester. Scholarship continuation is determined as follows:

1. **Good Standing:** Students continue to meet all scholarship requirements as indicated by the donor gift agreement, i.e. full-time student status (12 credit hours per semester) and cumulative GPA indicated by the donor.

2. **Probation:** A student will be given one semester of probation if a student falls below the cumulative GPA required by the donor gift agreement, but remains above a 2.0 GPA.
3. **Cancellation**: Scholarships will be cancelled in the following situations:

   a. The student's cumulative GPA is less than 2.0.

   b. The student does not register for 12 credit hours (full-time) each semester.

   c. The student transfers out of the department or BA-ENGE, or leaves the university.

   d. The student is on conduct probation or honor violation probation, and if the length of the probation/deferred suspension is greater than one semester. If the conduct or honor violation probation/deferred suspension begins before funds have been disbursed for the semester, the student is not eligible for the funds and the scholarship will be cancelled. If the conduct or honor violation probation/deferred suspension begins after funds have been disbursed for the semester, the student keeps the funds for the semester as long as the conduct or honor probation/deferred suspension period is not greater than one semester.

   e. A BA-ENGE-PE preference student is not accepted into PETE as their major before their 3rd semester.

   The student must write a thank you letter to the donor and provide a signed copy to the department in order to retain any scholarship he/she has been awarded. If the student does not write the thank you letter, he/she will be ineligible for a scholarship in future semesters and will have their current semester's scholarship cancelled. Students must also commit to attending the annual department scholarship banquet. If the student does not attend the banquet, he/she will be ineligible for a scholarship in future semesters and will have their current semester's scholarship canceled. The student will also be required to pay back any scholarship money that has already been disbursed for the academic year.