

2024 scholarship deadline: March 15, 2024

In 1997, the Independent Oil and Gas Association of West Virginia, Inc. (now the Gas and Oil Association of WV, Inc., GO-WV) established its Scholarship Program in an effort to become more involved in higher education in West Virginia. The Scholarship Program was specifically created to reward the outstanding scholastic achievements of high school seniors whose parents work in the oil and natural gas industry for GO-WV members companies. The Association also awards deserving high school “student employees” who have completed a required number of working hours at a GO-WV member company.

Since 2020, two annual one-time, \$1,000 scholarships are also sponsored by ConServ Incorporated and earmarked for students who are choosing a career path that benefits the oil and

gas industry in a vocational/technical field such as welder, truck driver, well tender, electrician, mechanic, etc.

Since the GO-WV Scholarship Program’s inception, over \$230,000 has been awarded to these very deserving students. Complete eligibility rules and documents for both scholarship types are found on pages 20-25 or at <https://gowv.com/education/scholarship/> and were sent to all member companies.

The completed application, including all required forms and information, must be signed **Scholarship deadline** *Continued on page 15*



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Pipeline safety & damage prevention April topics

In conjunction and with assistance from the GO-WV Safety Committee, the Gas Pipeline Safety Division of the PSCWV has scheduled pipeline safety seminars in April.

The two Pipeline Safety Seminars will take place in Charleston and in Bridgeport. There is no charge to attend, lunch is provided and registration opens at 8:00 a.m. Each seminar begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 3:00 p.m. Registration is required.

Topics each day include WV regulatory update, regulators, completion records, WV top inspection issues, inspections and intervals, forms and procedures. The April 2 seminar is hosted and sponsored by Mountaineer Gas Company and the April 4 seminar is hosted and sponsored by BHE GT&S.

The Tuesday session will take place at the Marriott Town Center Hotel, 200 Lee St., E., Charleston, and the Thursday session will take place at

BHS GT&S, 925 White Oaks Blvd., Bridgeport.

The Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia (GO-WV) is hosting its third annual Damage Prevention Seminar in partnership with WV811 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Hope Gas in Jane Lew on Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

The seminar is provided by GO-WV and WV811 and hosted and sponsored by Hope Gas.

The agenda is packed with presenters that have excellent information to offer to any utility operator, contractor, producer/operator or other entity that benefits in better understanding the current regulations and best practices concerning damage prevention. This educational opportunity is open **April safety seminars** *Continued on page 19*



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Legislative process and looking forward

As of this writing, the Legislature is past the half-way point of the session. I appreciate our Legislators for their late hours and hard work of moving our state forward and helping all of West Virginia’s citizens. Their dedication to our state and citizens is beyond admirable.

I want to take a moment and thank our hardworking lobby team of Phil Reale, Jim Fealy and Daniel Hall. They, along with Charlie and other lobbyists on our board have helped to advocate for our industry. Their knowledge of the capital and the relationships they have formed over the years are extremely valuable and much appreciated.

Our legislative agenda is complete and is working through the Capitol. If you would like to learn more about our process or would like to get involved within the committee, please contact Charlie so he can plug you in.

At a federal level, I appreciate Senators Manchin and Capito working to rebuke President Biden’s pause on new approvals of pending and future applications to export liquified natural gas (LNG). Allowing our natural gas to compete on a global level provides jobs, strengthens diplomatic ties, adds in our national security and greatly reduces emissions globally. If not allowed these opportunities, in addition to our friendly neighbors to the north and south, our oil and natural gas rich adversaries will be happy to build the facilities and recognize the economic and geopolitical benefits that come from those facilities. I would encourage each of our readers to let our Senators, as well as Representative’s Miller and Mooney, understand how important the infrastructure build is, not only to West Virginia, but our entire nation and ultimately the world.

As I near the midpoint of my presidency I would like to recap what we have accomplished as a board and list some of the items that we are still working on. To date we have helped members and our association:

- Receive a discount on their workers’ compensation insurance by working with Encova Insurance.
- Held numerous pipeline and other safety seminars.
- Held a cyber security seminar.
- We are in the process of a bylaws review to be voted on by the members at our Summer Meeting.
- We are amid a membership drive which, to date, has brought in forty (40) new members. Please help us grow the Association by recruiting one or more new members. Charlie can assist in your efforts—just give him or the office a call.

Looking forward

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2024 Spring Swing set for May 6 at Berry Hills Country Club, Charleston

Come join your industry peers, invite your clients, get outside and enjoy a day “on the links” at the GO-WV Spring Swing! We will be gathering on May 6, 2024, at Berry Hills Country Club in Charleston.



Registration opens at 8:00 a.m., with the shotgun start at 9:00 a.m.

We have registration options that include sponsorships with foursomes, sponsorships without foursomes, single golfers or foursomes. We’ll match players for single registrations.

We have several levels of sponsorship to meet your goals. Select your sponsorship level and register your team, or select your registration choice if you’re not able to sponsor. [You can click here to sponsor and/or register.](#)

Diamond, Bronze and Hole sponsorships are available.

Get your GO-WV license plate now!



[Click here](#) for the application, or use the form on page 14.



From the Burd's Nest: It's the destination...not the journey

You may have read this famous quote of Ralph Waldo Emerson, “It’s the not the destination, it’s the journey.” Or of TS Eliot, “The journey, not the destination matters...” But what if it was the destination, and not the journey that motivates us?

As I ponder the difference, I conclude that a **journey** means I have set an end goal, and I will strive to achieve that goal. When I flip the coin, a **destination** is a goal set in concrete that you will do whatever it takes to get there, and nothing will stop you. Every year I and the GO-WV leadership and lobby teams are fixed on a destination—the last day of the legislative session. That date is set in stone. So, for sixty days we are on a journey that includes assessing hundreds of pieces of legislation, some helpful and some harmful. Along the way, to provide the necessary information to help guide and educate them, your legislative team interacts with the decision makers who control the process. The process can be challenging, sometimes frustrating, but hopefully rewarding at the end.

Last month, I gave advance warning to “Look for more legislative discussion in the March edition.” Well, it’s the March edition! So, even though the session does not end until midnight Saturday, March 9, please see this brief update from a high level view on certain legislation that may impact your business operations. This is not all inclusive!

Regarding legislative rulemaking:

- The WVDEP Rules regarding alternative emission limitations during startup and shut-down operations (SB2 / HB4027) and underground injection control (SB17 / HB4029) are “bundled” together in Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 2.
- The WV Tax Department Rules regarding citizen tax credit for property taxes paid (SB55 / HB4081); income tax paid at the entity level by electing pass-through entities (SB56 / HB4082); and income tax credits for property taxes paid (SB57 / HB4080) are all “bundled”

together in Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 50. GO-WV supports all of these rules and we currently do not anticipate any controversy in their passage.

- The West Virginia Treasury Department Rule regarding the alignment of the noticing of provisions for unknown and unlocatable individuals in both the Co-tenancy Act and the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act (House Bill-4165 / SB-121). This GO-WV supported legislation has passed the House as “bundled” into Committee Substitute for House Bill 4110 and is under further consideration in Senate Judiciary.

Regarding the timely payment of royalties:

Committee Substitute for House Bill 4292 is grinding its way through the legislative process. Thus far the amended version of HB-4292 has passed out of both House committee designations, and rests in Senate Finance Committee after being further amended in Senate Energy Committee. The current version of HB-4292 contains much less punitive language than the originating version. The companion bill, Senate Bill 235 has not moved and remains in a committee subcommittee. GO-WV is closely monitoring this legislation.

Regarding producing property tax valuations:

Committee Substitute for House Bill 4850 that removes the sunset clause from the oil and gas personal property tax as established in House Bill-4336 from 2022, has successfully passed both the House and Senate and all legislative action is completed. GO-WV supported this legislation that will soon be presented to the Governor for his review and decision.

Regarding Primacy on Class VI Wells:

Committee Substitute for House Bill-5045 will establish primacy on Class VI injections wells through the administration of the West Virginia Water Pollution Control Act, and Underground Carbon Dioxide Sequestration and Storage. This bill has successfully passed both the House and

Burd's Nest

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Encova insurance safety program expanded for 2024

The Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia, Inc. and Encova Insurance have partnered to expand Encova’s Safety Group Program. The program is designed to reward your efforts in driving safety-related performance. A reduction in workplace injuries impacts your bottom line positively, eliminates direct and indirect costs and helps drive a return on your workers’ compensation insurance premium.

Participation benefits and rewards:

- Long-term savings on workers’ compensation premiums are achieved through improved performance
- Overall improved risk management and loss control will promote an effective safety program that will reduce direct and indirect costs and lead to fewer losses overall
- Positive experience modification (e-mod) impact

- Increased safety group discounts are rewarded for diligent efforts to create and maintain a safe workplace, which helps attract talent in the workforce
- Eligibility for marketing support for the Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia
- Dedicated Encova team to include a business director, safety and loss specialist and marketing representative
- Personalized service through customized reporting and trending resources, including industry-specific safety and loss control seminars
- The workers’ compensation safety group discount can serve as an effective membership recruitment tool

For more information, please contact Steve Gandee with Encova at (304) 220-6538 or email at steve.gandee@encova.com

Encova Association Summit

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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TC Energy moving to downtown Charleston

TC Energy is excited to announce they have finalized plans to lease a new office in downtown Charleston, West Virginia.

The new Charleston office not only signifies the company's commitment to Charleston and the state of West Virginia, but also celebrates the rich history and significance of energy in the region. "With this move, we are not only investing in our 450 employees in Charleston but also contributing to the growth and vitality of the community," said Aaron Thompson, Manager, State Government & Community Relations—East US External Relations.

The new location is 200 Kanawha Blvd. East. The current structure on the land will be replaced with a new building to be built by Remington Development Corporation. The building is expected to reach completion in 2025. TC Energy will move in 2026 and be the sole tenant in the new space.

"Since the 1950s, TC Energy's Charleston, WV Office has played a critical role in our operations

and in turn delivering the energy needs of the Eastern United States." Thompson said.

Every day, employees at the office manage gas supply on the Columbia Gas Transmission and Columbia Gulf Transmission systems which feed a number of critical markets across the country.

Additionally, the company's various employees work to support the ongoing integrity and reliability of the existing system while planning and executing projects for the future.





A strength to be developed

A couple of weekends ago Lynnnda and I rode the Greenbrier Express Winter Special from Cass to the small mountain village of Durbin. Pulled by a 100+ year old steam locomotive, the train follows the crystal-clear Greenbrier River through a wilderness portion of the Monongahela National Forest. Most of the scenery we saw is accessible only by train or on foot. We had a nice lunch at a restaurant in Durbin, then grabbed some tasty scooped ice cream at a souvenir store before boarding the train for the return trip to Cass. We had a chance to visit with others on the train from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and the Carolina's. There were probably other West Virginians but we didn't meet any.

In 1985 a flood washed out major portions of this rail line including a bridge. A public/private initiative between the West Virginia State Rail Authority and the Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad, replaced the bridge and reconstructed the track allowing train traffic to resume in 2023. The West Virginia Division of Tourism and the State Rail Authority have done a great job of marketing the state and the tourist railroads. The train was sold out. The night before we stayed at a hotel in Elkins. At the outdoor fireplace, we met a group of women from Maryland who traveled to West Virginia for the weekend to hike in the National Forest. People are traveling to our region, **Strength to develop** *Continued on page 18*

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WeatherBELL: Spring forecast



With El Niño fading and spring upon us, winter will try to hold on longest in the northern Rockies and the West. While the Great Lakes and Northeast should be warm overall, there will be some volatility in the pattern especially in March.

April will see a quick turn to spring across the North, with some cooler weather in the Southeast and Southwest.

May should overall be warm in the central to eastern parts of the U.S., while it will be cooler out West.

For more information about WeatherBELL's services and to get the hot-off-the-press forecast updates, please visit our website www.weatherbell.com or contact us at sales@weatherbell.com.

Oil & Gas Museum

The Oil, Gas and Industrial Historical Association, West Virginia's only multi-site museum, highlights the history and present day impact of oil and gas in the Appalachian Basin.



We honor and celebrate the rich history of West Virginia and the Mid-Ohio Valley, supporting research, preservation and interpretation at our sites.



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Upcoming events for your review

March 6-8, 2024

OOGA Annual Meeting
Easton Hilton, Columbus, OH
Info: ooga.org

March 18, 2024

Southern Gas Conference
Columbia Convention Center, Columbia, SC
Info: hartenergy.com

March 20-21, 2024

West Virginia Construction & Design EXPO
Charleston Coliseum & Civic Center
Charleston, WV
Info: wvexpo.com

April 18, 2024

PIOGA Spring Meeting
Rivers Casino, Pittsburgh, PA
Info: www.pioga.org

May 6, 2024

GO-WV Spring Swing
Berry Hills Country Club, Charleston, WV
Info: gowv.com

May 15-17, 2024

SUPER DUG
Fort Worth Convention Center, Ft. Worth, TX
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Industry events

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GO-WV Board welcomes 12 new members in February

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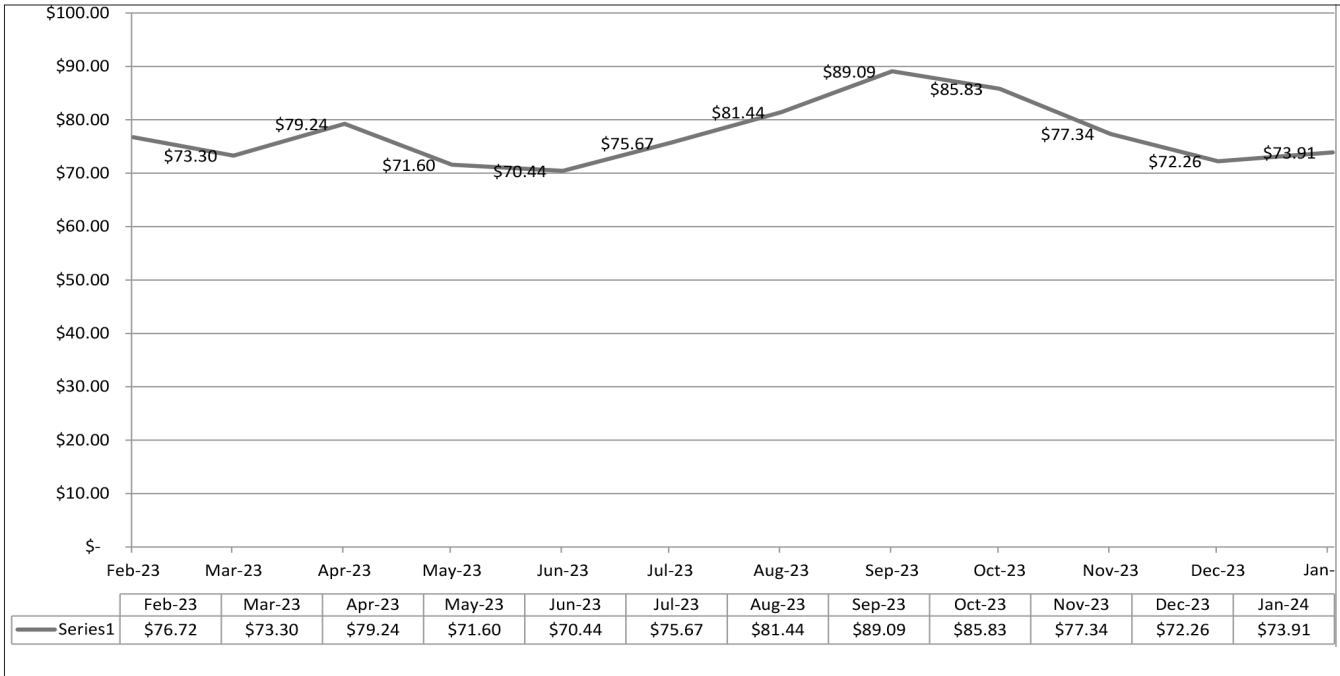
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New members

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Monthly Appalachian Basin crude oil prices



New members *Continued from page 10*

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Within the next several weeks, we will be working toward selecting new board members to begin their term at the conclusion of the Summer Meeting. I would like to encourage everyone reading this article to get involved in a committee and learn about the great benefits the Association provides, along with the networking opportunities to create lifelong friendships. GO-WV is only as successful as the breadth and depth of our membership. By working through the committees, members have an opportunity to lend their expertise and create relationships that will aid both you and the Association. I appreciate each one of you and am truly humbled to be your President.

Scholarship deadline *Continued from page 1*

by the high school guidance counselor and post-marked no later than Friday, March 15, 2024. From all the applications received, the GO-WV Scholarship Review Committee will review and award a limited number of one-time only scholarships.

Here is a quick glance at those rules:

1. Applicant must be a West Virginia high school senior.
2. Applicant must be a dependent of an employee/retiree of a GO-WV member company in good standing OR be employed by a GO-WV member company in good standing (Student employee must have worked a minimum of 400 hours in the past calendar year. Validation of hours worked and a letter of recommendation from the employer **must** be provided).
3. Applicant must enroll in a four-year West Virginia college or university or a community college/vocational-technical school.
4. Applicant must compose an essay answering the question asked on the application form.
5. Application must be signed by the high school guidance counselor.

GO-WV will accept completed applications, including all documents, postmarked by Friday, March 15, 2024. Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Katie McCracken at 304-344-9867 or kmccracken@gowv.com.



May 20-22, 2024

IOGCC Annual Business Meeting

Skirvin Hilton, Oklahoma City, OK

Info: [iogcc](http://iogcc.com)

May 23, 2024

WV Chemical Alliance Zone Spring Meeting

Location TBD

Info: cazwv.com

June 5-6, 2024

GO-WV Science Teacher Workshop

Hampton Inn & Suites Morgantown

Morgantown WV

June 6, 2024

Apex 10th Annual Charity Golf Outing

Berry Hills Country Club, Charleston

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June 27, 2024

KOGA 87th Annual Meeting

Campbell House, Lexington, KY

Info: www.kyoilgas.org

August 4-6, 2024

GO-WV Summer Meeting

The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV

Info: gowv.com

September 20, 2024

GO-WV Fall Sports Outing

Bridgeport Country Club, Bridgeport, WV

Info: gowv.com

September 22-25, 2024

GPA Midstream Assn. National Convention

Marriott Rivercenter, San Antonio, TX

Info: [gpamidstream](http://gpamidstream.com)

October 21, 2024

Apex 10th Annual Charity Golf Outing

Berry Hills Country Club, Charleston

Info: katucker@apexpipeline.com

October 28-30, 2024

IOGCC Annual Conference

Cheyenne Mt. Resort, Colorado Springs, CO

Info: [iogcc](http://iogcc.com)

February 19-20, 2025

GO-WV 2025 Winter Meeting

Charleston Marriott Hotel, Charleston, WV

August 2025

GO-WV Summer Meeting

The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV

August 2-4, 2026

GO-WV Summer Meeting

The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV



Senate and all legislative action is completed. GO-WV supported this legislation that will soon be presented to the Governor for his review and decision. One established in law, West Virginia will become only the fourth state to have this designation. (Others: Louisiana, North Dakota, and Wyoming.) We support this effort.

Regarding enhanced oil recovery:

House Bill-5268 that clarifies horizontal wells and horizontal drilling well work includes certain enhanced recovery techniques, has successfully passed both the House and Senate and all legislative action is completed. GO-WV supported this legislation that will soon be presented to the Governor for his review and decision.

Regarding taxation of hydrogen as an alternative fuel:

Senate Bill-683 would remove “hydrogen” from the definition of “alternative fuel” for excise taxation purposes under the Motor Fuel Excise Tax provision. This redefining will aid in the development of hydrogen as a feedstock for development in future processes. Natural gas is used in the manufacturing of “blue hydrogen.” For that reason, GO-WV supports this legislation that has passed out of the Senate and is assigned to the House Energy Committee.

Regarding the modification of severance tax due dates:

Senate Bill-873, that originated in committee, seeks to remove the requirement that installment tax payments, such as natural gas, oil, and natural gas liquids, are payable on the 15th of the month. If passed, this legislation will remove the dilemma producers encounter for the June severance tax payment. The GO-WV-supported legislation has passed through the Senate and is assigned to the House Finance Committee.

Regarding legislation SUPPORTED BY GO-WV and that has failed to advance since being introduced:

Senate Bill-849 seeks to remove producer owned and operated pipelines from the definition of “utility” under the provisions of recovering costs associated with the moving of such lines to accommodate highway construction activities.

The current reimbursement is set at only 15% of the cost incurred. While this will not advance in this legislative session, the seed has been planted.

Regarding the E-Verify of all employees:

House Bill4759 (Senate Bill-526) seeks to verify the legal employment status of all persons who come into your employment through the federal E-Verify system and to report such employment to the appropriate governmental agencies. Committee Substitute for House Bill-4759 as amended, has passed the House and has been sent to the Senate where it has been double-referenced. GO-WV joins several others in its OPPOSITION to this legislation.

Regarding legislation NOT SUPPORTED BY GO-WV and that has failed to advance since being introduced:

- House Bill-4411 that called for the standardization of leases, deeds, or contracts relating to oil and gas. GO-WV did not support this legislation as introduced.
- House Bill-4662 that called for the withholding of West Virginia personal income tax on natural resources royalty payments to those that live outside West Virginia. GO-WV did not support this legislation as introduced.
- Senate Bill-532 / House Bill-5414 seeks to prevent oil and gas wells from being orphaned on surface owner's land with no responsible driller or operator with the resources to plug the well. GO-WV did not support this legislation as introduced.
- House Bill-5624 that sought to provide recorded notice to surface owners of potential mineral development surface uses which burden the surface estate. GO-WV did not support this legislation as introduced.

As we close in on the destination...the journey is not quite over and will likely include some twists, turns and potholes, but reaching midnight March 9 clean of harmful legislation is firmly the goal established before the start of the legislative session. Your GO-WV team will trod the pathway to monitor and evaluate any and all harmful legislation. And...with respect to Emerson and Eliot, I hope to have enjoyed the journey after achieving my goal and destination!

staying in hotels, buying meals and enjoying our attractions. We live in a special area of the USA and the world even if we don't always realize it or appreciate it.

West Virginia has beautiful mountains, rivers, lakes, championship golf courses, ski resorts, white water rafting, hunting, fishing, entertainment, great universities, friendly communities to live in AND abundant natural gas and NGLs. There are many other positive aspects I've probably missed. We don't always realize or appreciate what is all around us. We can travel the world and miss what is in our own back yard.

The Shale Crescent USA organization has been having regular Zoom calls to Europe and Asia since SelectUSA last year. In preparation for our European trip in March, calls are weekly. Last week we talked with the managing director of a European company who has their U.S. facility in our region. We asked why they came and why they stay. They came because of the large U.S. market, economical, dependable energy and incentives. Why they stay was eye opening. The director said, "People in your region work! They are more productive than our people in Europe." His next comment surprised me, "Your schools are better than ours." I had been led to believe European education was superior to the USA. He then added, "Your schools are getting better. Ours are getting worse." Of course, in the U.S. school quality can vary widely. It was still good to hear. Constant improvement is essential. We should know our strengths and what we are doing right.

European companies are concerned about their lack of energy and its cost. Public policy and infrastructure prevent us from sending additional needed natural gas to Europe. Germany is putting more coal powered electricity on their grid. Even tearing down a wind farm to get to the coal under it. European companies are interested in coming here because of our dependable economical energy. They now know depending on Russia for energy was a mistake. Outsourcing manufacturing to China isn't such a good idea if emissions are important. One comment we hear from Europeans is, "Don't make the same mistakes we did on energy." The Shale Crescent message is... *Come to the USA with your energy dependent processes and you can ship products all over the world.*

Our region is changing even if we don't notice it. It's like the Kozera family reunion when I was a kid. My aunts who only saw us at the reunion would always say, "Oh, how much you have grown!" We did grow a lot in a year. The relatives we saw regularly never noticed our growth.

We don't have a second cracker or a PDH unit yet. Eventually we will. Manufacturing and related job growth is happening now. Plants of all types are springing up in West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania. We are less dependent on China. Shell, Nucor Steel and Intel are just three of many examples. In the Charleston area we have U.S. Methanol and Green Power Motor Company. New Martinsville has TCL from India under construction who will be using butane along with natural gas. Form Energy is under construction in Weirton. The public has no idea how much natural gas is required to manufacture EV batteries. They are a "fracking" product and the antis have no idea.

What we don't notice is the quiet expansion of companies already here, like my friend in Jackson County adding 3 new lines. Last week we met with the Business Manager of the Parkersburg Marietta Building Trades Council. When we met pre-pandemic, his two goals were; To increase the number of apprentices and have his members work locally sleeping in their own beds instead of working out of town. Both have happened. Expansions of companies already here made this possible. His biggest concern now is meeting the demand for labor as new announced projects move to construction and maintenance.

People are coming to our region as tourists, like the train ride. They see the beauty we may be missing. Europeans see our abundant economical natural gas, abundant water, education system, markets and work force as our strengths. People living here take much of this for granted. This is a great place to live. We have a quality of life people envy. Focusing on our weaknesses and short comings will leave us disappointed. Leaders develop people. They do that by identifying their people's strengths and working to develop them. West Virginia's natural gas and oil industry is a major strength for West Virginia. It requires

respect and continued development along with the other strengths our region has.

Shale Crescent USA will be in Germany this month telling that story to German industry. The

Germans want what many Americans take for granted. We have a great story to tell. It's time to tell it!

April safety seminars

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to all operators of public service districts, municipal water and sewer utilities, gas operators and producers, contractors involved in any ground disturbance activities as well as others interested in learning more about the requirements and efforts in place regarding Damage Prevention of any asset or utility service.

The theme of the agenda will be "Back to the Basics" and focus on highlighting the current 811 regulations and laws, as well as covering the responsibilities and requirements following a damage for all affected parties. In addition, some newly implemented "Best Practices" will be covered.

Jerry Poage, Executive Director of WV 811, and Brandon Hahn, Assistant Director of the WV Damage Prevention Board, will kick off the sem-

inar providing a comprehensive overview of the current 811 regulations and requirements in WV. Sarah McTee, TX 811, will present on One Call ticket best practices and tips to help ensure effectiveness and accurate response.

After lunch, a One Call / 811 panel will be conducted with representatives from WV 811, OH 811, PA 811 and KY 811. This panel will discuss current initiatives and best practices being implemented and utilized in their respective states.

The seminar will wrap up with a session featuring Nitander "Nita" Raju, Community Liaison of Pipeline Safety, Eastern Region for USDOT PHMSA. Nita will cover areas of focus for PHMSA in regard to Damage Prevention.

There is no cost to attend this seminar, but registration is required.





2024 Scholarship Application

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone Number _____ Social Security Number _____

Date of Birth _____ College/University Planning to Attend _____

High School _____ High School Phone Number _____

My Parent/Guardian works for a GO-WV Member Company
 Parent/Guardian Name _____ GO-WV Member Company _____

I Work for a GO-WV Company (referral letter attached) Company Name: _____

Graduation Date _____	If you filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), what is the amount of your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as reported to you on the Student Aid Report (SAR)? \$ _____.
Awards Assembly Date & Time _____	

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicant must be a West Virginia high school senior.
2. Applicant must be a dependent of an employee/retiree of a GO-WV Company in good standing OR be employed by a GO-WV Member Company in good standing (**Student employee must have worked a minimum of 400 hours. Validation of hours worked and a letter of recommendation from the employer must be provided**).
3. Applicant must enroll in a four-year West Virginia college or university.
4. Applicant must compose a 300-500 word essay answering the question: *"Describe your community's perception of the Oil and Gas Industry and explain how you would improve it."*
5. Application must be signed by a high school counselor.
6. Mail the application with all activity and course forms (listed below), essay, transcript and ACT scores as instructed below. This must be **postmarked** on or before **Friday, March 15, 2024**.

ATTENTION STUDENT:

List your advanced placement and honors courses, organizations, volunteer and extra-curricular school activities with which you were affiliated during the four years of high school on the appropriate forms (Advanced Placement and Honors Courses, Extracurricular School Activities, Community Service and Non-School Activities - Including Employment). **Please deliver these forms along with your completed application and essay to your high school counselor.**

ATTENTION SCHOOL COUNSELOR:

Please sign this application and mail it along with the student's essay, transcripts, ACT scores, and activity and course forms to the address **below postmarked on or before March 15, 2024**.

Student's guidance counselor's signature

PLEASE NOTE: ONE SIDED COPIES ONLY – NO STAPLES!

Gas and Oil Association of WV, Inc.
 Attention: Katie McCracken
 300 Summers Street, Suite 820, Charleston WV 25301





2024 Technical & Vocational Scholarship Application



Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____ Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address _____ SS Number _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Home Phone _____

High School _____ High School Phone Number _____

My Parent/Guardian works for a GO-WV Member Company

Parent/Guardian Name _____ GO-WV Member Company _____

I Work for a GO-WV Member Company (referral letter attached) Company Name: _____

Graduation Date:	Awards Assembly Date & Time:
Chosen Vocation/Career:	Chosen School:

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicant must be a West Virginia high school senior choosing a career path that benefits the oil and gas industry.
2. Applicant must be a dependent of an employee OR be employed by a GO-WV Member Company in good standing. (Student employee must have worked a minimum of 400 hours. Validation of hours worked and a letter of recommendation from the employer must be included with this application.)
3. Applicant must be enrolling in a West Virginia community college or vocational / technical trade school.
4. Applicant must complete both pages of this form.
5. Applicant must ensure that this application and all necessary documents are postmarked no later than **Friday, March 15, 2024.**

ATTENTION STUDENT:

After completing both pages of this form, deliver these documents to your high school counselor.

ATTENTION SCHOOL COUNSELOR:

1. Please write a letter stating why you, or the student's technical or vocational course instructor, recommend the student for this scholarship.
2. Mail the recommendation letter, all pages of this application, and the student's transcript of grades to the address below postmarked on or before **before March 15, 2024.**

Student's guidance counselor's signature

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Please feel free to add extra sheets if needed.

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2024 GO-WV Master Sponsorship Form

Please select the meetings and levels you wish to sponsor.

Newsletter and directory advertising can be reserved separately.

Sponsorship opportunities:

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- Banner hung at all events at meeting
- Specific signage at sponsored events
- Listing on Elite Sponsor board
- Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter

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- Listing on Gold Sponsor board
- Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter

Diamond Sponsor \$10,000

- Banner hung at sponsored event
- Specific signage at sponsored event
- Listing on Diamond Sponsor board
- Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter

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- Listing on Silver Sponsor board
- Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter

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- Listing on Platinum Sponsor board
- Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter

Bronze Sponsor \$1,000

- Listing on Bronze Sponsor board
- Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter

Golf Outing(s) Hole Sponsor \$1,000 each

- Foursome fee
- Signage at hole
- Logo listed in web site and newsletter

Company Name Contact Person

Address City State Zip

Telephone Email

Meeting	Level	Cost
Winter Meeting	_____	\$ _____
Spring Swing Golf Outing	_____	\$ _____
Science Teacher Workshop	_____	\$ _____
Summer Meeting	_____	\$ _____
Sports Weekend Golf Outing	_____	\$ _____
	Total	\$ _____

Please return this form to GO-WV, address below, by January 31, 2024. Be sure to email a high resolution (300-dpi minimum) version of your company's color logo and a link to your web site to lmillersmith@gowv.com. Thank you for your continued support!





2024 GO-WV Newsletter Advertising Contract

Advertising is available to member companies and nonmembers of the Gas and Oil Association of WV, Inc. (GO-WV) in monthly issues of the association newsletter. Please see below for details regarding ad sizes and rates.

Membership Pricing:

		Frequency of Ad (Months)		
		1 - 4	5 - 8	9 - 12
Ad Sizes	Full page 2 columns (7" wide x 9.5" deep)	\$800.00/mo	\$750.00/mo	\$700.00/mo
	Half page (vertical) 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 9.5" deep)	\$525.00/mo	\$475.00/mo	\$425.00/mo
	Half page (horizontal) 2 columns (7" wide x 4.5" deep)	\$500.00/mo	\$450.00/mo	\$400.00/mo
	Quarter page 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 3" deep)	\$300.00/mo	\$250.00/mo	\$200.00/mo
	Business card 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 2" deep)	\$150.00/mo	\$125.00/mo	\$100.00/mo

Non-Membership Pricing:

		Frequency of Ad (Months)		
		1 - 4	5 - 8	9 - 12
Ad Sizes	Full page 2 columns (7" wide x 9.5" deep)	\$1,600.00/mo	\$1,500.00/mo	\$1,400.00/mo
	Half page (vertical) 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 9.5" deep)	\$1,050.00/mo	\$950.00/mo	\$850.00/mo
	Half page (horizontal) 2 columns (7" wide x 4.5" deep)	\$1,000.00/mo	\$900.00/mo	\$800.00/mo
	Quarter page 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 3" deep)	\$600.00/mo	\$500.00/mo	\$400.00/mo
	Business card 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 2" deep)	\$300.00/mo	\$250.00/mo	\$250.00/mo

GO-WV wants to assure that you get the best quality advertisement in the newsletter for your advertising dollar. To that end, we ask that you **submit your color ad electronically in a 300 dpi (dots per inch) resolution JPG or PDF** format. Ads saved as Word or Word Perfect documents or Excel spreadsheets will not give you a quality ad in the publication. If there are conversion issues with your file, our designer will contact you directly. Ads must be emailed directly to Diane Slaughter: dslaughter@gowv.com.

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