

## Early Bird Registration ends Jan. 5; Don't wait

The Gas and Oil Association of WV, Inc. (GO-WV) will host its annual Winter Meeting on January 21-22, 2026, at the Marriott Town Center Hotel in Charleston. Early bird registration ends on January 5, 2026. Registration will still be open, but fees will increase. The theme of the 2026 meeting is "Meeting the Moment - From the Wellhead to the Fingertip."

Make plans now to join friends, colleagues, legislators and professional contacts for this worthwhile and exciting two-day event. Mark your calendars and register now [online](#) or use the forms on pages 30 and 31.

This year, the Winter Meeting begins with lunch on Wednesday. The morning will also feature a Producers' Issues Committee Breakfast, open to committee members only.

Panel discussions for the two days will include

*Meeting the Moment for Increased Demand, Meeting the Moment for Connecting Supply with Increased Demand and Meeting the Moment with Natural Gas Power Generation.*

In addition to outstanding industry executives on our panels, other invited speakers include Gov. Patrick Morrissey, WV Senate President Randy Smith, WV House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, Scott Potter of RBN Energy and Nick Preservati, Director of the WV Office of Energy.

The 2025 Oil & Gas Reclamation Award recipients will be recognized during the luncheon **Winter meeting** *Continued on page 17*



*Chris Weikle,  
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## GO-WV Director named 2026 Young Gun

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Andria Alvarez Wymer, director of strategic initiatives and planning at Energy Transportation, LLC and Applied Construction Solutions, Inc., fondly recalls visiting various construction job sites while growing up.

"My dad and uncle ran our family construction business, and I remember visiting the bridges or compression stations when they were being built," Wymer says. "When we were out of school, we would always love going to work with Dad."

Today, Wymer has paved her own way into the family business. Throughout college, she held multiple impactful internships and after graduating took on a position as a marketing

specialist for United Bank. There, she used her creativity to develop unique initiatives that were both successful and well-received.

"I worked with our marketing team to create innovative marketing campaigns that furthered the company's growth across our operating territory," she says. "All my work experiences taught me the importance of hard work, determination, active listening, having an eagerness to learn, collaboration and leadership."

While Wymer's work experiences have taught her a great deal, it is her parents who helped shape **Young Gun** *Continued on page 18*



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# We're at an important moment of opportunity and responsibility

As we close out 2025 and look ahead to the new year, our industry stands at an important moment of opportunity and responsibility. The coming year promises to be one of action—and the Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia is prepared to lead the way in helping shape our state's energy future.

Governor Morrisey's 50x50 Energy Plan offers a clear, ambitious vision for strengthening West Virginia's position as an energy leader—one that leverages all forms of reliable, homegrown resources. Our association looks forward to being an active partner in advancing that vision. From supporting new natural gas-fired generation to ensuring that industries like manufacturing and data centers have the power they need to grow, our members are ready to deliver.

This year, we've already seen strong examples of how our industry is moving the state forward. Congratulations to Hope Gas on the successful completion of the Morgantown Connector Project—their company's first transmission pipeline project. This significant investment will improve gas service to homes and businesses in the region while creating a new outlet for area producers to market their gas. We're proud of two of our GO-WV member companies, Apex Pipeline and Ace Pipeline that partnered with Hope Gas to make this important project a reality, demonstrating the kind of collaboration that keeps West Virginia's energy economy strong.

West Virginia's oil and natural gas sector powers more than just homes and businesses—it powers opportunity. As 2026 begins, we'll continue working with state leadership, regulators, and economic development partners to ensure our energy foundation remains strong, reliable, and positioned for long-term growth.

Together, we can build on the momentum of recent years and make 2026 a milestone year for energy and economic development across the Mountain State.



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## 2026 scholarship deadline: March 13

In 1997, the Independent Oil and Gas Association of West Virginia, Inc. established its Scholarship Program that has been continued by GO-WV 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 member 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.

For 2026, we are expanding the program to include two-year and four-year certification or degree programs.

Since 2020, two annual one-time, \$1,000 scholarships are also sponsored by ConServ In-

corporated and earmarked for students who are choosing a career path that benefits the oil and gas industry in a vocational/technical field such as, but not limited to, welder, truck driver, well tender, electrician, mechanic, etc.

Since the GO-WV Scholarship Program’s inception, over \$261,000 has been awarded to these very deserving students. Complete eligibility rules and documents for both scholarship types are found on pages 20-25 or by [clicking here](#) and will be sent to all member companies.

The completed application, including all required forms and information, must be signed by the high school guidance counselor and post-marked no later than Friday, March 13, 2026. 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 two-year or 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 13, 2026. Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Katie McCracken at 304-344-9867 or [kmccracken@gowv.com](mailto:kmccracken@gowv.com).

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## From the Burd's Nest: New year, new look, new opportunities!!

Please allow me to begin by hoping each of you had a wonderful Holiday Season and extend a wish for a most prosperous 2026.

GO-WV enters the New Year with great enthusiasm and optimism. First, as previously announced, we have hired Rebecca McPhail who will take the helm upon my departure on or about September 2026. Next, Governor Patrick Morrisey has set his sights on leading West Virginia on an “energy revolution” that seeks to make our state THE LEADER in American energy excellence—we share his vision. This same vision for economic investment, job growth and creating a business-friendly environment is shared by our House and Senate legislative leadership.

In late September, after an extensive search, the Board unanimously voted to hire Rebecca McPhail as the Association’s next president. As the former President of Vision Shared, a public-private statewide community and economic development organization, then later as the Executive Director of the West Virginia Manufacturers Association (WVMA), many of you may know Rebecca or recognize her by name. GO-WV and the WVMA have been closely aligned on a variety of legislative, environmental and regulatory issues over the years. Standing side-by-side then makes it even more exciting to now work together with one unified voice for GO-WV. Rebecca is West Virginia born and shares that same rugged determination all Mountaineers possess. She will be a staunch and unwavering advocate for all the issues that come before the Association. Please welcome her as you once welcomed me.

At the state level, Governor Morrisey has laid the groundwork for the state’s first long-term comprehensive energy policy. In Wheeling this past September, the Governor announced his aggressive “50 by 50” generation plan to increase West Virginia’s energy current capacity of about 15 gigawatts to 50 gigawatts by 2050, a major

increase from the 15 gigawatts we currently produce. At that time, the Governor stated the foundation of this policy will be increased power generation. At the root of this plan is increasing baseload electric generation from all fuel sources including natural gas, coal and nuclear, with the result focused on providing grid stability, and an affordable and dependable supply of electricity to all West Virginia rate payers. GO-WV leadership applauds the Governor’s vision and commends his insistence that natural gas must be at the forefront of this revolution in power production.

To further show our support of the Governor’s 50 by 50 vision, I was asked to sit on a panel of energy providers at the recent Governor’s Energy Conference. My comments focused on “*why natural gas now*” and why natural gas needs to be at the core of all future energy production in the state. Here are some of the bullet points from that brief presentation:

- West Virginia’s industrial heritage, our abundant supplies of energy and over 4,000 miles of interstate pipelines deliver energy to those that need it.
- West Virginia is the 5th largest producer of natural gas in the United States—producing over 3.4 Tcf in 2024—roughly 8% of the total US production.
- West Virginia has the third-largest natural gas reserves in the Lower 48 states, estimated to be over 48 trillion cubic feet and has about 533 billion cubic feet of natural gas storage or almost 6% of the nation’s total underground natural gas storage capacity.
- West Virginia’s is strategically located within a day’s drive of about half the U.S population and major datacenter and AI markets.
- West Virginia natural gas industry has an estimated 80,000+ good paying jobs and contributes hundreds of millions of dollars in annual severance and property taxes,

**Burd's Nest**

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## From Rebecca's Roost: Let's GO(WV)!

I am honored to step into the role of President-Elect of the Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia. This opportunity is both humbling and energizing. I have spent most of my career working at the intersection of energy, manufacturing and public policy, and believe deeply in the essential role that natural gas and oil play in our state's economy and future. GO-WV has a strong foundation built by Charlie Burd and industry leaders who understand the importance of collaboration and advocacy. I look forward to carrying that work forward with focus and enthusiasm.

West Virginia is entering a period of extraordinary opportunity. New industrial announcements, growing energy demands and emerging technologies are creating momentum across our state. Our abundant natural resources position us to be at the center of that growth. At the same time, our industry continues to navigate complex regulatory landscapes, shifting market conditions and increased public scrutiny. My vision for GO-WV is to meet this moment with clarity and a forward-looking strategy that strengthens the association's voice while elevating the people and companies who keep this industry moving.

I believe the strength of GO-WV lies in its people. Our producers, midstream operators,

service companies, and community partners bring tremendous experience and insight. I intend to prioritize deepening those relationships through member engagement, listening, and collaboration. We will continue to be a place where every member feels represented, informed and connected. Strong associations begin with strong relationships, and I look forward to cultivating those relationships with purpose.

Advocacy remains central to GO-WV's mission. West Virginia needs thoughtful and consistent representation in legislative and regulatory arenas. Our association is at its best when we bring credible information, practical solutions and real-world experience to policy conversations. As President Elect, I will focus on further building our advocacy capacity, expanding coalition work and ensuring that our industry's perspective is clearly understood by decision makers.

**THIS IS OUR TIME.** We cannot afford to be passive or reactive in a policy environment that is evolving rapidly. We must continue to lead with facts, experience and a commitment to the economic well-being of the state.

I am also deeply committed to sharing our industry's story with the public. Natural gas and oil workers are among the most dedicated and innovative people in West Virginia. Their work fuels homes, businesses and manufacturing. It creates jobs, supports schools and strengthens communities. We can uplift these stories and build understanding among West Virginians about the value our industry provides. Public trust is earned through transparency, engagement and a willingness to show up. We will do all three.

Thank you for the trust placed in me and excited for the work ahead. Together, we will build on the association's legacy while charting a path that keeps West Virginia competitive, resilient and thriving. I look forward to serving you and working with you to advance the future of our industry.

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# Lewis County recently unveiled its new "Extreme Adventures" park

Lewis County officially opened the county's newest attraction, Extreme Adventures, in October, marking a major milestone for local recreation and tourism.

A brand-new zipline and ropes course towers above the park's updated 18-hole, West Virginia-themed mini golf course, offering adventure and fun for visitors of all ages. County officials, state senators, and community members gathered Tuesday morning for a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the opening. To celebrate, admission was free throughout the day.

The approximately \$1.8 million project was funded through the oil and gas severance tax the county receives.

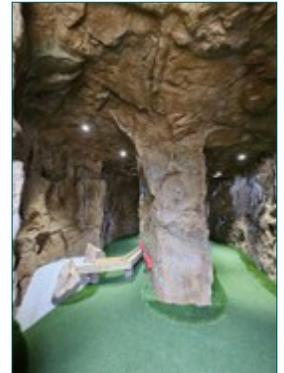
"It was through oil and gas severance tax that they give to the counties that allows us to do something like this, to give back to our community," said Bobby Stewart, president of the Lewis County Commission. "So, thank you on behalf of our county. Keep it coming!"

The project was a collaborative effort involving multiple entities. Designed by Greenspan Projects, a company based in the United Kingdom, the course was built using local labor and contractors. Those involved with Extreme Adventures hope it becomes a new destination for both residents and tourists, helping to draw more visitors to the area.

"We want them to come here. We want them to visit," Stewart said. He also highlighted the attraction's role in the county's growth: "Today, we're not just launching a new attraction,

but we're opening doors to new adventures, new relationships, new friendships, new memories for Lewis County and our many soon-to-be visitors."

The mini golf course features a West Virginia theme, complete with wood-carved black bear statues, barns, and a grist mill. Josh Hinchman, director of Lewis County Park, said the new rock cave installment is designed to represent Seneca Rocks. The project replaces a mini golf course built in the 1970s that previously occupied the same spot. Hinchman said the upgrade has already energized the community.



*Pictured L to R: State Senator Ben Queen; Andria Alvarez Wymer with Energy Transportation, LLC and Applied Construction Solutions, Inc; Upshur Commissioner Kristie Tenney; County Commission Assoc. Executive Melanie Pagliaro; Lewis Commission President Bobby Stewart; Lewis Commissioner Agnes Queen; Lewis Commissioner Rod Wyman; and Lewis Assessor John Breen.*

# NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

January 2026



While the fight against human trafficking is a year-round battle, National Human Trafficking Prevention Month (NHTPM) in January is an important opportunity to join a national conversation about the issue and leverage the country-wide momentum gained on the topic during the month. For our partners interested in participating in NHTPM and furthering their relationship with TAT, we have developed a menu of actions for them to take. Companies can elect to implement any combination of these ideas, and TAT will work with you to customize and co-brand materials as needed.



**Important Date:**  
National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

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## Promote TAT's Weekly Webinar Offerings

LEARN MORE



TAT is offering weekly webinars during NHTPM with varying topics, open to our partners and the general public. Please encourage your employees and community to attend!

**Week 1:** [Labor Trafficking](#); **Week 2:** [Natural Disasters](#); **Week 3:** [Major Events](#); **Week 4:** [Parenting](#)

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## Implement a Year-long Communications Plan

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TAT's [Partner Communications Plan](#) provides examples of external and internal human trafficking messaging for your company or organization to use throughout the year. It includes a theme for each month, sample graphics and other assets, press resources and more.

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## Spread Awareness with a Social Media Campaign

DOWNLOAD HERE



Using [TAT's guide](#), which includes sample graphics and captions, post on your social media channels to spread awareness about human trafficking. Please contact us if you would like support in co-branding the graphics with your logo. Remember to tag us @tatnonprofit!

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## Use TAT's Media Engagement Resources

VIEW RESOURCES



The momentum NHTPM creates around the conversation of human trafficking presents an opportunity to promote your company or organization's efforts to fight this heinous crime. TAT has [resources](#) available at your disposal, such as six industry-specific template articles, media talking points and more, to help guide your efforts this month and beyond.

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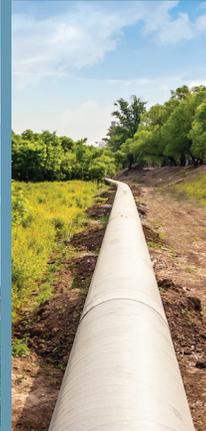
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## Time now to plan for your 2026 insurance with GO-WV options

The Gas and Oil Association of WV, Inc. offers an association health insurance program for GO-WV members in West Virginia.

The program is presented through a successful partnership with Highmark BlueCross BlueShield (HMBCBS) and Blue Ridge Risk Partners and has become the largest fully insured policy holder of HMBCBS, a partnership that has existed for over 30 years.

With the expertise of this partnership, our groups are assured of stability and multiple services, including the oversight and compliance of the ever changing Affordable Care Act Laws and Regulations. This allows our members to focus more on their business.

GO-WV membership is one of the qualifications for the insurance program. For more information

about this program, contact Lori Miller Smith of GO-WV at [lmillersmith@gowv.com](mailto:lmillersmith@gowv.com) or 304-344-9867 or Josh Zontek of Blue Ridge Risk Partners at [josh.zontek@blueridgeriskpartners.com](mailto:josh.zontek@blueridgeriskpartners.com) or 304-848-6475.

Plan features offer competitive rates; reduced employer risk exposure; multiple plan options; tiered rates; and outstanding customer service.

The insurance plan also provides a dental program through United Concordia, a subsidiary of Highmark BlueCross BlueShield Pennsylvania, a vision plan through VSP and life insurance and short-term disability through Unum Life Insurance Company of America.

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The same day Antero Resources announced the purchase of 385,00 net acres and 850-million cubic feet per day of production in West Virginia, we announced the sale of our assets in Ohio. Antero Midstream similarly announced strategic large investments in West Virginia, and divestiture in Ohio. Together, the companies announced nearly four billion dollars in additional investment in West Virginia.

Antero has operated in several states and in many development areas since its inception. We have a long history – over twenty years – of producing gas in Colorado, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Ohio. In 2008, we acquired 115,000 acres of rock in West Virginia. Over time, that rock – the Marcellus Shale - has put West Virginia on the global energy stage, and solidified our commitment to this state.

The results speak for themselves. Antero Resources went public in 2013 and then formed Antero Midstream to handle our gas and water infrastructure. Antero Midstream is a 50/50 partner on a natural gas processing facility in Doddridge County. That facility, which processes exclusively Antero gas, is the largest such facility in North America. Our work in West Virginia has made us the most integrated natural gas producer in Appalachia.

And so, we double down.

First and foremost, we are a business with a responsibility to our shareholders to operate where we can have success. Our decision to operate in West Virginia, and then to consolidate and expand our acreage position here, stems from good results from the wells and a good long-term strategy to sell the gas and gas liquids in profitable markets. It's about the fundamentals. But those fundamentals also include things that aren't on spreadsheets: our people, our contribution, and our optimism.

Today we have 350 local employees in the Bridgeport office, and thousands of contractors on Antero sites on any given day. These people are part of the reason why we are doubling down in West Virginia. They do their jobs safely and responsibly, with a real eye for stewardship of the land and water. They are innovative problem-solvers whose commitment to results has made West Virginia an energy powerhouse. They are a source of pride for our state, our shareholders, and for me personally.

**Doubling down**

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### 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.



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# Upcoming events for your review

January 21-22, 2026

## **GO-WV Winter Meeting**

*Marriott Town Center Hotel, Charleston, WV*

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

February 5, 2026

## **Gas & Oil Day at the Legislature**

*State Capitol, Charleston, WV*

February 18-20, 2026

## **2026 NAPE Summit**

*Houston, TX*

Info: [NAPE Summit](http://NAPE Summit)

March 4-6, 2026

## **OOGA Annual Meeting**

*Easton Hilton, Columbus, OH*

Info: [ooga](http://ooga)

March 25-26, 2026

## **WV Construction + Design EXPO**

*Charleston Coliseum, Covention Center*

Info: [wvexpo](http://wvexpo)

April 7, 2026

## **Pipeline Safety Seminar**

*Marriott Town Center Hotel, Charleston, WV*

April 8, 2026

## **Damage Prevention Seminar**

*Hope Gas, Jane Lew, WV*

April 9, 2026

## **Pipeline Safety Seminar**

*BHE GT&S, Bridgeport, WV*

May 4, 2026

## **2026 GO-WV Spring Swing**

*Berry Hills Country Club, Charleston, WV*

May 18-20, 2026

## **IOGCC Annual Business Meeting**

*The Skirvin Hilton, Oklahoma City, OK*

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

June 8-9, 2026

## **GO-WV Science Teacher Workshop**

*Four Points by Sheraton, Charleston, WV*

June 16-18, 2026

## **IPAA 97th Annual Meeting**

*The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, CO*

Info: [ipaa.org](http://ipaa.org)

August 2-4, 2026

## **GO-WV Summer Meeting**

*The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV*

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## OH Canada, a win-win opportunity

In November, Lynnda and I were in Toronto at the SelectUSA Canada Roadshow, an event hosted by U.S. Commercial Services to encourage direct foreign investment in the USA.

At the U.S. Canadian border, the major questions were; “What is the purpose of your visit? How long are you staying? Do you have any firearms?” The last question surprised me, “Do you have any alcohol?” I didn’t know, in response to U.S. tariffs, Canada banned the sale of U.S. liquor. You can’t buy American bourbon or wine in Canada.

While Lynnda slept after the long trip, I rewrote and rehearsed the 6-minute presentation I would be giving the next morning to tell the story of the Shale Crescent USA region. It had to get the audience’s attention, be entertaining, informative and tell companies why to locate in the Shale Crescent USA instead of other states and regions. Most important we had to be memorable. The best facts are worthless if forgotten quickly. People remember stories. We all can recall a Bible story, like Noah and the Arc. It is thousands of years old. The closing story had to be powerful, summarize the presentation and be memorable. Several companies we met said, “Your presentation convinced us to meet with you.”

There were 14 economic development organizations attending, representing 16 different states. Shale Crescent represented Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Each organization got to present its 6-minute pitch and had its own private room to meet prospects. We heard messages from U.S. Ambassador to Canada Pete Hoekstra and Deputy U.S. Secretary of Commerce David Fogel, a CEO before taking his current position. What a novel idea. To put people in the Commerce Department who understand business rather than bureaucrats!

At the West Virginia Governor’s Energy Summit, we met with two young men in the U.S. Department of Energy about oil and gas in

our region. Nathan, Shale Crescent’s President who had already met them, stopped me, “Greg, you don’t need to dumb it down for them. They are both petroleum engineers.” Wow petroleum engineers in the Department of Energy, who would have thought. I hadn’t seen that in my 40+ year career in the energy industry. Washington is serious about economic development and producing economical energy.

Over 50 Canadian companies attended the Roadshow event looking to move manufacturing or expand to the USA where their customers are. Eight manufacturing companies scheduled meetings with us prior to the event. Lynnda’s experience was essential. We were busy meeting over 20 companies and had serious discussions with 15 companies. We considered 9 of them to be leads. Five are strong leads. One company visited the Shale Crescent to look at sites following the event. They can be operational as early as this spring. We are doing follow up calls with all the prospects because of their interest in our region.

Manufacturing companies we met are from the steel, automotive, chemical, medical and high-tech industries. All are currently exporting to the USA and see the advantages of manufacturing where their customers are. They see lower transportation and energy costs, less regulation and no tariffs to deal with as advantages to being in the USA.

In Canada, we saw gasoline prices at around \$1.40 per liter, which is about a quart. We fueled in Toronto. It cost me \$50 to fill my tank. When I returned to West Virginia a fill up of the same amount cost \$25. Canadian companies can reduce energy cost significantly in the USA. High energy costs hurt those with lower incomes most. Assuming a fill up per week, a person in West Virginia saves \$100 per month that goes back into the economy for goods and services. Energy cost affects the price of every product people buy.

**Win-win**

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## Join *GO-WV* on February 5 for *Gas and Oil Day at the Capitol*

Join your fellow *GO-WV* members on Thursday, February 5, for Gas and Oil Day at the Capitol. With its abundant resources and hardworking labor force, West Virginia has long been an energy state, exporting electricity across the nation – and beyond. We employ thousands of West Virginians and contributed more than \$1.5 billion to the state's economy in 2025.

Join us in our effort to increase the awareness of the impact the oil and gas industry has on the Mountain State.

### **Register and attend.**

There is no charge to exhibit or attend, but you must [register here](#).

### **Host a company booth.**

This is an opportunity for you to inform elected officials about your company – your products, community outreach efforts, philanthropic giving and more. Exhibits should be set up between 8 – 9 a.m. and will wrap up by 2 p.m. Booths are available on a first-come, first-served basis and spots are limited, so for more information or to secure a spot for your company display, [click here](#).

### **Join your fellow *GO-WV* members to observe the legislative session from the gallery.**

Filling the galleries with our members puts a face on our industry for legislators and decision makers.

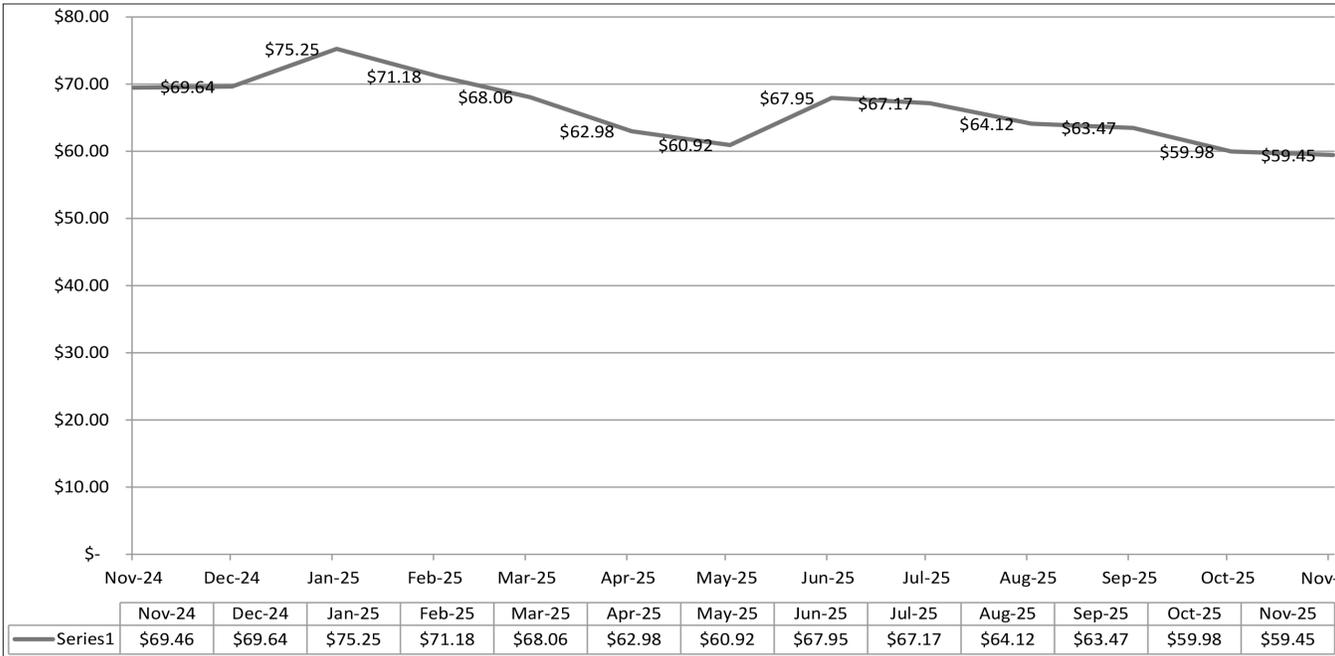
### **Parking:**

Because we are in Legislative Session, parking may be scarce around the Capitol. Exhibitors can pull into the bus loop by the Culture Center to unload but can't park there. There are metered visitor spots in the parking lot just off Greenbrier Street. They fill up fast. There's street parking on Virginia and Lee Streets on the west side, and Michigan and Washington Streets on the east side. Again, you have to be here early. If everything else is full, Laidley Field is your best option. The shuttle runs every 15 minutes so it's easy to get to and from. [Click here for the shuttle schedule](#).

Whether you are a producer, an industry service company, or a professional such as an accountant or attorney, our elected representatives need to hear from you on how our energy industry fuels West Virginia. Join us and let your voice be heard.



# Monthly Appalachian Basin crude oil prices



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## 2026 On-Line Buyers' Guide available now

The Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia (“GO-WV”) is pleased to announce that the exclusive 2025-2026 edition of GO-WV Buyers’ Guide, the premier resource of relevant products and services for oil & gas industry professionals, is now available at the GO-WV website at [gowv.com](http://gowv.com).

GO-WV partnered with Overland, KS-based Strategic Value Media, a leading nationwide provider of print and digital media solutions to the national, state and local trade and membership associations, to produce the Guide. GO-WV is proud to provide its members with this useful and easily accessible year-round resource.

The 2025-2026 edition of the Buyers’ Guide will feature updated and expanded company and product listings, in addition to other valuable information relating to the oil & gas industry. The Buyers’ Guide provides users with an efficient

way to browse for goods and services and offers oil & gas industry professionals exceptional visibility by showcasing their products and services to a targeted, industry-specific buyer group.

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### Doubling down

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Along the way, we have created jobs, wealth for mineral owners, and revenue for our state to provide services to its citizens. Since inception, Antero has paid \$7-billion in lease and royalty payments on West Virginia minerals, and \$1.6-billion in taxes. We have spent \$190-million in road and bridge upgrades, and \$6-million dollars in charitable contributions, including a \$4-million gift to WVU and a large gift to preserve the Cheat River Canyon. Those are numbers that West Virginia businesses rarely, if ever, can provide. We are doubling down in West Virginia because we are making a difference here.

And when we look to the decades ahead, we see a state that can answer the world’s growing

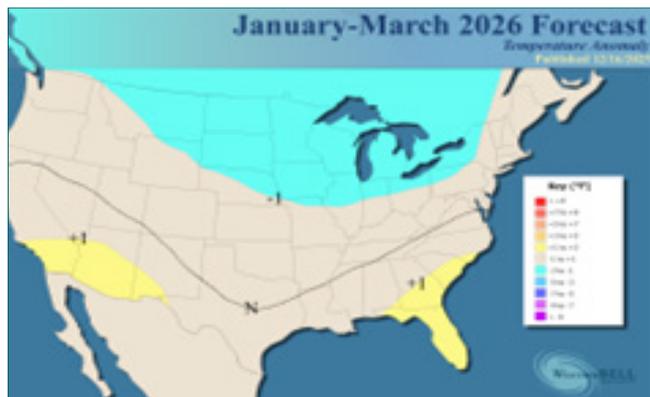
need for energy. West Virginia can provide the electricity that our economy demands, and natural gas will be a source for that electricity. Policymakers here have demonstrated a commitment to bringing new demand to our state, and we are eager to work with them to make it happen.

Home is never perfect. Some policies in West Virginia need to be addressed. But working together with an eye toward constant improvement, we envision a place where our industries excel, our job numbers grow, and our communities thrive. We’re proud to say Antero has led a remarkable energy expansion in West Virginia, and we believe the best is yet to come.





## WeatherBELL: Late winter forecast



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After a historically cold early December and a break in pattern later in the month, January to March should see similar volatility. Due to the expected hemispheric pattern, the center of each of these cold outbreaks typically backs to the west with time through Early February.

According to the analogs, these winters with intense, early cold in the East often will break, and then show back up late. The only year that did not happen was 2017.

March especially is vulnerable to widespread cold outbreaks, and a late winter is likely, especially if the pattern is warm for a time in February.

### Winter Meeting

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and a presentation will be made at that time to the WV Oil & Gas Museum.

At 5:00 p.m. we will welcome legislative leaders to a special GOPac reception with contributors. This is followed by the GO-WV Membership and Legislative Reception at 6:00 p.m. which is open to all registered attendees.

On Thursday, breakfast for all attendees begins at 8:00 a.m., prior to the 9:00 a.m. conference continuation. Industry leaders are being invited for discussions centered on meeting U.S. and global energy demands and power generation.

The recipients of the Rusty Hutson Heritage Award and the 2026 Gunslinger Award will be honored at the Thursday luncheon event.

To better benefit your business, take advantage of the sponsorship opportunities that are available. Simply fill out the sponsor form on page 32 or contact Lori Miller Smith for specific event sponsorships. The positive exposure, educational and networking opportunities make this a great investment for your company.

Please see page 33 to register for the meeting, or [www.gowv.com](http://www.gowv.com). If you have questions, please contact Lori Miller Smith at 304-344-9867.

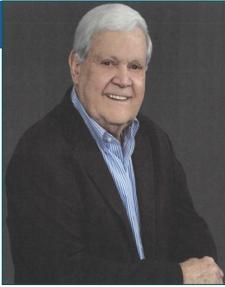


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## Balancing growth and security in a changing economy

Financial planning is rarely one-size-fits-all, especially for business owners and high-income professionals who often face unique limits in traditional retirement tools. Many GO-WV members fall into this category: you may max out contributions, experience fluctuating income, or simply want more flexibility than standard savings vehicles allow. One option that sometimes enters the conversation is Indexed Universal Life (IUL), a planning concept worth understanding.

At its core, IUL is a form of permanent life insurance that also builds cash value over time. Unlike market investments that rise and fall with each cycle, the cash value in an IUL is credited with interest based on the performance of a market index. The important distinction is that the cash value does not participate directly in the market. When markets perform well, the policy may earn interest up to certain limits. When the market declines, credited interest doesn't drop below zero. That structure is why some professionals view it as a tool for smoothing out volatility.

Another reason some business owners explore IUL is its flexibility. Traditional retirement plans impose annual contribution caps, required minimum distributions, and limited access to funds before retirement age. IUL policies aren't subject to such rules. Policyholders can fund aggressive-

ly in strong years, pause during lean years, and access accumulated value in a tax-advantaged way. For people whose income can fluctuate with commodity cycles, project activity, or business conditions, that flexibility can become part of a broader financial strategy.

Of course, IUL isn't a universal solution. Costs, policy structures, and long-term commitments vary widely. It's also not designed to replace retirement accounts, investment portfolios, or basic insurance needs. Rather, it's one of several tools that some professionals use to complement their long-term planning, especially those who want a mix of protection, liquidity, and stable growth potential without full market exposure.

For GO-WV members who are navigating business ownership, industry cycles, and generational planning, understanding options like IUL can make discussions with financial advisors more productive. The goal isn't to promote any one approach, but to recognize that many in our industry benefit from planning strategies that can adjust as life, business, and markets change.

Keith can be reached at (304) 546-0511.

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### Young Gun

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her into the person she is today. "I have my dad and mom to thank for giving me opportunities growing up to become the person I am today," she says. "They really taught me the importance of family and friendship, being humble and giving back."

This strong familial influence eventually drew Wymer to consider a career in the family business. It wasn't a decision she took lightly.

"The choice to go and work with my dad was one I gave a lot of consideration," she says. "I

wasn't sure what I could possibly have to offer him and the businesses. My dad convinced me I had a place, so I went for it."

Wymer was eager to prove herself.

"It is my goal every day to add value," Wymer says. "That determination continually drives me."

As director of strategic initiatives and planning, Wymer oversees strategic initiatives at both Energy Transportation and Applied Construction Solutions. She enjoys juggling

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We shared our leads with all three states. Since returning from Toronto we are having follow up calls. One steel company has already visited and is looking for a building they can move into next year. Canadian companies we met with already have U.S. customers. They are interested in locating where their customers are reducing transportation costs and tariff issues. Energy cost and availability (electricity and natural gas) are major issues. The Shale Crescent USA region's proximity to Ontario is an advantage in addition to our huge energy advantage. Our message is one of abundant, economical energy and locating on top of energy and feedstock in the middle of customers. This message is unique to our region. Bringing energy intensive manufacturing to our region is an opportunity to increase demand for natural gas close to the wellhead and increase margins for producers that is long overdue.

We attended a Thanksgiving Dinner put on by the Canadian-American Chamber. The Canadian Ambassador to the USA spoke about trade and tariff talks. She is optimistic they are close to a resolution. Most important she echoed the feeling of everyone in the room, the USA and Canada are very much alike. We have similar values. It is imperative for the U.S. and Canada to work together in defense against Russia and China. We need to work together economically for a strong North America benefiting people in both countries. Both countries have bountiful resources they can share. If we can work together on energy using our abundant oil and gas reserves, we are unstoppable. It makes sense to trade with our friends rather than those who would be our adversary.



projects, using data and building tools to become more efficient and creating a culture that promotes safety.

“I’m very fortunate to work with some great people in both our companies,” she says. “We all support one another and work well as a team to achieve our goals. I’m grateful to have the opportunity to make a difference and work with my family and people who support me.”

Wymer enjoys making a difference in her career and community. Her dad has always expressed the importance of giving back to the communities they serve.

“For me, it’s about creating a better world for my children to grow up in and teaching them to be good stewards,” Wymer says.

Wymer serves on the board of directors for the Associated Builders and Contractors of West Virginia, which she also chaired in

2023, becoming the second woman to do so. Additionally, she contributes nationally as a member of the Associated Builders and Contractors National Organization. She volunteers with Building Hope in Harrison County Schools, promoting anti-bullying education.

Within the natural gas sector, she serves on the board of directors of GO-WV and co-chairs the Communication and Education Committee. She is also a member of the WVU Cancer Institute Leadership Council, where she helps raise funds for world-class cancer treatment and research, and she participates in the North Central West Virginia Industry Roundtable.

“West Virginia is truly the best and most beautiful place in the U.S.,” Wymer says. “West Virginia has given me every chance I ever needed to grow myself personally and professionally. I’m happy to continue on that legacy and encourage my kids to do the same.”



**For those who go hunting this winter,  
please be safe. We need you!**

in addition to the millions more in royalty distributions.

Why it's "*natural gas now*" can best be further defined in the recent announcements of two new natural gas fired electric generation facilities in West Virginia and a review of the two previously announced projects that continue to advance:

**Wolf Summit Energy Power Station** is a 625 Megawatt combined-cycle natural gas power plant currently under construction near Clarksburg, West Virginia. Originally proposed in 2017, construction started in late September 2025 on this \$1.2 Billion plant that will provide 500 jobs at peak construction. The plant's total generating capacity is dedicated to a long-term power purchase agreement with Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC). Wolf Summit Energy is situated within the Allegheny Power Systems (APS) Zone of the PJM Interconnection.

**First Energy** has announced the construction of a proposed 1,200-megawatt combined-cycle natural gas plant in West Virginia. While the exact location has not yet been announced, this multibillion-dollar plant will, at peak, create over 3,200 jobs, provide an estimated three dozen permanent jobs, and an estimated \$85.9 million in annual state and local tax revenues. First Energy is planning to announce its location very soon with hopes to have this plant operational by 2031.

**Competitive Power Ventures (CPV) Shay Energy Center**, a proposed 2,060-megawatt natural gas-fired combined cycle gas turbine power-generating facility to be constructed near West Union, Doddridge County, was originally announced in December 2022 and granted its siting certificate by the WV Public Service Commission in April 2024. This \$3 Billion wholesale generation plant, capable of supplying electricity to 1.8 million homes, will create 2,000 jobs at peak construction and 50-60 permanent jobs upon completion. In addition, a 500-kilovolt high-voltage transmission system will be constructed to run northeast to the Flint Run substation owned by the Monongahela Power. Groundbreaking is tentatively set for late 2026.

**Longview Power**, near Morgantown, West Virginia, originally applied for its siting certificate in 2020 to build a 1,200-megawatt combined cycle natural gas-fired power plant. Construction on the project was to have begun by April 2025, but COVID, geopolitical events, and supply chain disruptions since 2022 made that difficult to achieve. The WV Public Service Commission recently granted an extension for Longview to begin construction by April 2029 and to complete the project by April 2034. Natural gas would be supplied by a 20-inch diameter pipeline from the TransCanada line in Pennsylvania. In a separate project, Longview has plans to potentially add a 70-MW solar farm in Monongalia County adjacent to their existing coal-fired plant near Fort Martin. Longview is an independent power producer that supplies electricity to the PJM regional grid.

At the federal level, who could ask for more dedicated and capable congressional leadership than West Virginia in Senators Shelly Moore Capito and Jim Justice, and House of Representative members Carol Miller and Riley Moore? These elected officials know energy and its importance to all Americans and to what it means in enhanced national security. Just one example as we enter 2026, is our ability to thank U.S. House of Representatives Carol Miller and Riley Moore for their yes votes on HR-4776, The Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act. This bipartisan legislation will streamline the federal permitting processes under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and aims to speed up permitting reviews for new projects that now take five or more years to complete. The bill now goes to the Senate, where its future is a bit more uncertain. However, as previously stated, our Senators Shelly Moore Capito and Jim Justice understand us and the importance of this permitting reform momentum heading into 2026.

As you can see, at GO-WV, 2026 is a New year, with a new look with new opportunities at all levels.

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# 2026 Scholarship Application

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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 Member 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 **two-year or four-year** West Virginia college or university.
4. Applicant must compose a 300-500 word essay answering the question: *"Identify a challenge you think the oil and gas industry will face in the next 5-10 years. Explain the challenge and propose a solution."*
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 13, 2026.**

### 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 13, 2026.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's guidance counselor's signature

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Gas and Oil Association of WV, Inc.

Attention: Katie McCracken

300 Summers Street, Suite 820, Charleston WV 25301











# 2026 Technical & Vocational Scholarship Application



Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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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 13, 2026.**

**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 13, 2026.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's guidance counselor's signature

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**Please feel free to add extra sheets if needed.**

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Attention: Katie McCracken  
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# 2026 GO-WV Newsletter Advertising Contract

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### Membership Pricing:

		Frequency of Ad (Months)		
		1 - 4	5 - 8	9 - 12
Ad Sizes	<b>Full page</b> 2 columns (7" wide x 9.5" deep)	\$800.00/mo	\$750.00/mo	\$700.00/mo
	<b>Half page</b> (vertical) 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 9.5" deep)	\$525.00/mo	\$475.00/mo	\$425.00/mo
	<b>Half page</b> (horizontal) 2 columns (7" wide x 4.5" deep)	\$500.00/mo	\$450.00/mo	\$400.00/mo
	<b>Quarter page</b> 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 3" deep)	\$300.00/mo	\$250.00/mo	\$200.00/mo
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	<b>Half page</b> (vertical) 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 9.5" deep)	\$1,050.00/mo	\$950.00/mo	\$850.00/mo
	<b>Half page</b> (horizontal) 2 columns (7" wide x 4.5" deep)	\$1,000.00/mo	\$900.00/mo	\$800.00/mo
	<b>Quarter page</b> 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 3" deep)	\$600.00/mo	\$500.00/mo	\$400.00/mo
	<b>Business card</b> 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 2" deep)	\$300.00/mo	\$250.00/mo	\$250.00/mo

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

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# 2026 GO-WV Winter Meeting Sponsorship Form

January 21-22, 2026 | Marriott Town Center, Charleston, WV

## Sponsorship opportunities:

Company Name		Contact Person	
Address		City	State
			Zip
Telephone		Email	

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| <p>_____ <b>Elite Sponsor</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$20,000</b></span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Banner hung at <i>every</i> event</li> <li>• Specific signage at sponsored event</li> <li>• Listing on Elite Sponsor board</li> <li>• Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter</li> </ul>  | <p>_____ <b>Gold Sponsor</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$4,000</b></span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listing on Gold Sponsor board</li> <li>• Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter</li> </ul>     |
| <p>_____ <b>Diamond Sponsor</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$10,000</b></span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Banner hung at sponsored event</li> <li>• Specific signage at sponsored event</li> <li>• Listing on Diamond Sponsor board</li> <li>• Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter</li> </ul> | <p>_____ <b>Silver Sponsor</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$2,000</b></span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listing on Silver Sponsor board</li> <li>• Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter</li> </ul> |
| <p>_____ <b>Platinum Sponsor</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$5,500</b></span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listing on Platinum Sponsor board</li> <li>• Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter</li> </ul>   | <p>_____ <b>Bronze Sponsor</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$1,000</b></span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listing on Bronze Sponsor board</li> <li>• Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter</li> </ul> |

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January 21-22, 2026 | Marriott Town Center, Charleston, WV

Company Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

Participant's Name

Member?

Yes

No

Email

Participant's Name

Member?

Yes

No

Email

Participant's Name

Member?

Yes

No

Email

Please list any special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration** (fees cover all Winter Meeting activities **except the GOPac Reception**)

\_\_\_\_\_ Member rate of \$450/person for Wednesday and Thursday events

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-member rate of \$650/person for Wednesday and Thursday events

\_\_\_\_\_ Student/faculty registration fee of \$150/person for Wednesday and Thursday events

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

Please mail registration with payment by January 5, 2026, to:  
GO-WV, 300 Summers Street, Suite 820, Charleston, WV 25301.  
NO REFUNDS AFTER JANUARY 5, 2026

For additional information, call Lori Miller Smith at (304) 344-9867.





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