



Utility Variable-Generation Integration Group
Charting the Future of Wind and Solar Power Integration and Operations

Steven Gilbert Memorial Scholarship Program Application Package For 2017-2018 Academic Year

December 2016

**Utility Variable-Generation Integration Group, Inc.
P.O. Box 2787
Reston, VA 20195**

**865-218-4600, ext. 6141
FAX 865-218-8999
www.uvig.org**

Introduction

The Utility Variable-Generation Integration Group (UVIG) Board of Directors has established as one of its goals furthering the education of students enrolled in accredited college or vocational schools in programs related to power engineering, wind or solar energy, or the maintenance of wind turbines or solar power plants. Towards this end, each year UVIG may award up to five scholarships. Up to three (3) \$2,000 scholarships will be granted to students enrolled in an undergraduate program at an accredited engineering school who are pursuing a career in power engineering with a focus or major on wind or solar generation, and up to two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be granted to students enrolled in an accredited wind or solar power plant technician program. The scholarships cover a single academic year and are not renewable.

The scholarship program is named in honor of Steve Gilbert, a long-time participant in UVIG who served on the UVIG Board of Directors and was Chair of UVIG's O&M Users Group. Gilbert passed away suddenly in 2016 and the UVIG Board named the scholarship program in his honor.

To be eligible for scholarship assistance, a student must be currently enrolled or accepted for enrollment at an accredited trade school or college in the United States or Canada in a field of study leading to a career related to utility power engineering or operation and maintenance of utility-scale wind or solar generation equipment. Applications from students in other countries will be considered if the student can list as a reference an employee at a UVIG member organization in that country. A list of UVIG members can be found at <http://www.uvig.org/membership/>.

Application Instructions

The UVIG Board will determine the winner of each scholarship based on grade point average and quality of the references as well as a short essay explaining why the student is pursuing a career related to wind or solar generation. At its discretion, the Scholarship Committee may use financial need as a criterion for awarding scholarships.

To apply,

1. Complete the attached application form
2. Compose a short essay explaining why you are pursuing a career related to wind and/or solar generation as well as why you are applying for this scholarship. The essay should also include a discussion of your participation in any extracurricular activities while in school and related work experience as well as future educational and career plans. The essay should be approximately 500 words and no longer than 1000 words.

Please note that the engineering scholarships will be targeted towards students enrolled in undergraduate programs. It is expected that recipients will maintain their academic major during the term covered by the scholarship. You should be prepared to provide, upon request, a transcript to verify grade point average. **Incomplete applications, as well as those submitted without an essay, will not be accepted.**

Applicants selected to receive scholarships will have the scholarship checks sent directly to the financial aid or bursars/cashiers office at their school. Due to IRS restrictions, no direct payments can be made to students.

Mail the application form and essay to the address below or e-mail to info@uvig.org.

Utility Variable-Generation Integration Group
620 Mabry Hood Road, Suite 300
Knoxville, TN 37932

The application deadline is **March 1, 2017**

Questions regarding this process should be directed to Sandy Smith, 865-218-4600, extension 6141 or by e-mail to sandy@uvig.org.

Application

UVIG Steven Gilbert Memorial Scholarship Program

Name of Applicant _____

School/University _____

Scholarship Applied For (circle) engineering (\$2000) Technician (\$1000)

Grade Point Average _____

Based on what scale? _____

Current Telephone _____

Current E-mail _____

Current Address _____

Permanent Address _____

Permanent Telephone _____

On a separate sheet(s), provide a short essay explaining why you are pursuing a career related to wind and/or solar generation and why you are applying for this scholarship. Also, list your:

- School and Civic Activities
- Related Work Experience (include both paid and unpaid)
- Academic Achievements

Faculty and/or Professional Recommendations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>E-Mail Address</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
-------------	---------------------	-----------------------	---------------------

My signing this application indicates that to the best of my knowledge, all of the information is accurate and correct. I agree that if I am selected as a recipient that my name and likeness may be publicized by the Utility Variable-Generation Integration Group in announcing winners. I also agree that I will maintain a major related to the electric power or wind/solar generation fields.

Signature _____ Date _____