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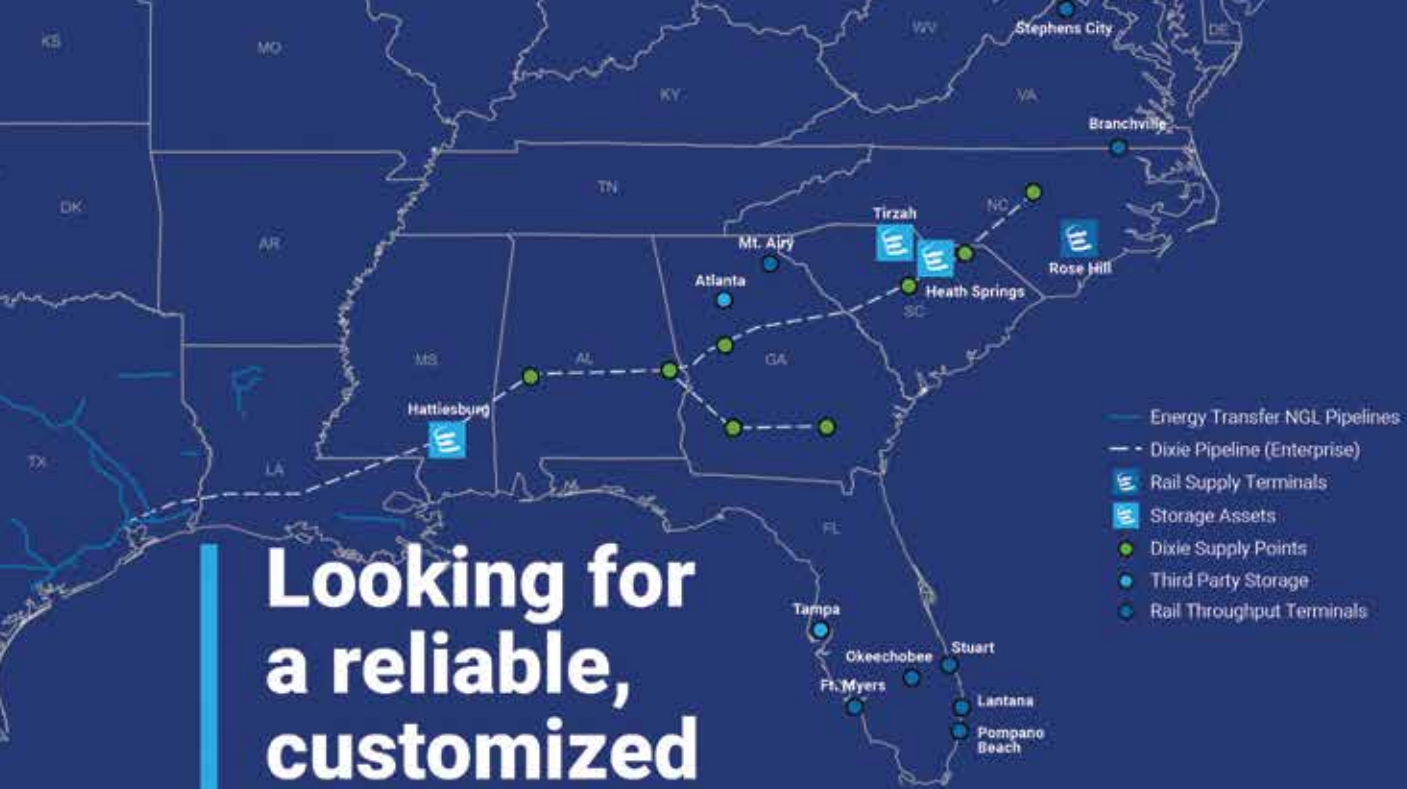
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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

DEAR SEPA MEMBERS,

BY TYLER MISEL, SEPA CHAIRMAN

>> As February unfolds, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we've shared in the Southeastern Propane Alliance. In this wintry month, I extend my heartfelt greetings to each one of you. As we navigate the remaining chill, let's continue placing emphasis on safety and our deep connections with the communities we serve. Together, let's delve into innovative technologies, ensure regulatory compliance, and strengthen our industry bonds. On that note, we had a very successful District 6 (of NPGA) breakout session last month. I look forward to seeing all of you in Charlotte in April at our Spring Board Meeting on Saturday, April 6, at 8:00 a.m. Your unwavering dedication fuels our collective success, and I eagerly anticipate a month filled with personal and professional growth. 🔥

Warm regards,

Tyler Misel
SEPA Chairman

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BY JOHN R. JESSUP,
SEPA PRESIDENT/CEO

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY ARE VERY BUSY MONTHS FOR EVERYONE



- 1. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** The Finance Committee met on January 24 to review the 2023 audit, budget, fraud protection, staffing, and finalize the 2024 proposed budget. The good news is that there is a balanced budget to present to the SEPA Board.
- 2. CDL-B COURSE AND WINTER SEMESTER:** The weekly CDL-B Course and the eight-week winter semester at SEPATEC started on January 22. Additionally, hybrid virtual classes have been conducted, allowing students to complete coursework at home and then come to SEPAEC for hands-on training.
- 3. HOURS-OF-SERVICE WAIVERS:** Before a major storm hit the area, Hours-of-Service waivers were secured on January 8 for North Carolina and South Carolina, lasting through January 22.
- 4. REMOVAL OF “NO THROUGH TRUCKS” SIGNS:** Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones played a role in getting “No Through Trucks” signs removed in the county of Spading, reducing travel time for trips to and from the Georgia Milner Terminal.
- 5. NGPA BOARD MEETING:** The NGPA Board meeting in Monterey, California, is scheduled for February 5–8. A goal for this meeting is to discuss a potential partnership with NPGA on an Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) program for SEPA members.
- 6. NATIONAL TRAINERS CONFERENCE:** SEPA and SEPATEC Staff will be attending the National Trainers Conference in Orlando, Florida, on February 20–22. Changes in becoming “trained” instead of “certified” in the industry are expected to be a significant topic of discussion.
- 7. COLLABORATION WITH NC STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS:** Efforts are being made to obtain a limited Fuel Piping plumbing license with the NC State Board of Examiners. This license would allow SEPA and SEPTEC to handle water link connections during water heater installations, potentially reducing costs and time for consumers.
- 8. 2024 DEALER DAY PLANNING:** The SC Advisory Board is already planning for the 2024 Dealer Day, scheduled to take place at the Back Woods Quail Club in Georgetown, South Carolina, in August.
- 9. SEPA BOARD MEETING:** The next SEPA Board meeting is set to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, at the SE Expo on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. SEPA members are encouraged to attend the show. 

Thank you,

John Jessup

SEPA President and CEO

NEW DIRECTOR FOR STANDARDS DIVISION, EXTENSION REQUESTS

NEW STANDARDS DIVISION
DIRECTOR (LARGELY FROM
A NEWS RELEASE BY
COMMISSIONER TROXLER)

>> Dr. Marcus Helfrich is the new director of the Standards Division.

He previously served as program manager of the fuel quality laboratory. He replaced Stephen Benjamin, who retired at the end of the year.

“Being able to promote from within gives me great pride because not only is Marcus Helfrich the most qualified candidate for the job, but he’s also a dedicated public servant that has worked on behalf of North Carolinians for years,” Commissioner Steve Troxler said. “The work of our standards division touches the lives of people across

our state every day and I’m sure the staff will continue their exceptional work under Helfrich’s leadership.”

Helfrich earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Guilford College in 1996 and then a master’s degree and Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Oregon before a post-doctoral appointment at Pennsylvania State University. Helfrich joined the department in 2008 as a chemist in the central laboratory as well as a field chemist in Wake, Lee, Granville, and Chatham counties. He became program manager of the fuel quality laboratory in 2014.

Helfrich was on the committee that helped design the fuel quality laboratory at the Steve Troxler Agricultural Sciences Center.

“I have enjoyed working with the department over the last 15 years to identify and solve problems that directly impact the lives of the citizens of North Carolina,” Helfrich said. “I appreciate this opportunity, and I look forward to working with each of the sections in the Standards Division to continue to develop a culture of excellence in customer service.”

Helfrich attended the Dec. 6 meeting of the North Carolina Advisory Council meeting

and the Christmas dinner that evening. I expect he will also attend Southeast Propane Alliance meetings when they are not too far away from Raleigh.

Extension Requests

I see some problems with extension requests that either make it impossible to approve the requests or cause delays in processing. Your attention to a few details will expedite the processing of your request.

There are four things required in each extension request:

1. The inspection number,
2. The date you expect corrections to be completed and the inspector may return for the follow-up inspection,
3. The justification for needing extra time,
4. The word “extension” in the email, preferably in the subject line.

A fifth item, the name of the site, if it is not your company, is useful for verification. Elaboration for each point is included below.

We send you an email for each inspection performed if we have your email address in the site record. In that email is a link to request an extension if you need one. This link is valid





BY RICHARD FREDENBURG,
NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF
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CONSUMER SERVICES



Making proper extension requests will help us help you.

only for the inspection in that email. If you use it to try to request an extension for another inspection, the other inspection number will not be forwarded to me. In addition, the justification submitted in the request will likely not apply to the original inspection, so I'll have to reject the request.

If you can't find the inspection email, you can still submit requests by email in one of two ways. The first method is to send your request by email to LP.requests@ncagr.gov. Please don't send requests to Standards@ncagr.gov, as it goes to many people not involved with extensions. In addition, please **do not** send extension requests directly to my work email address. We're trying to make it so people in a couple of positions see the requests, no matter who may have moved on to another job or retired. The second way to request an extension is through our inspection website using www.ncmhtd.com/Standards/LP/RequestExtension.aspx. This is where the site name might not match your company name. Including the site name will help me verify that you didn't send an inspection number

with a typo. It's not common, but you can send requests by mail (the address is on the inspection) or FAX to 919-831-1303.

Considering the justification, it needs to clearly state why you need more time. For example, we realize that painting in the winter is fruitless, so state that you need warmer weather to paint and select a completion date in the late spring or early summer. Similarly, finding a contractor who can complete the work within the 30-day window may be difficult to impossible. Please state this and provide the expected completion date. You can make another request if the schedule fails.

If you choose to submit a request by email, you must include the word "extension" in the subject line or body of your email. This allows me to search for requests that come in after hours, on weekends, or on a day when I'm not able to check email. We will not assume responsibility for an inspector returning earlier than you wanted if you don't comply with this requirement. Also, requests sent on the day the inspector returns for the follow-up inspection will not be approved.

Please make your extension request in the body of the email. Attaching a letter with the request requires additional steps for both you and me and often leads to violating the requirement of including the word "extension" in the above paragraph.

Please specify a completion date, not an interval. I often get requests for a "30-day extension." Thirty days from when? The request date? The original due date? The only way to be sure I interpret your intent properly is to specify a calendar date.

Please do not ask for an extension for an inspection item that references 49 CFR. Those are violations of U.S. Department of Transportation rules, and there is no way their enforcement officials will know of an extension approval from us. They don't know of our inspections or the "correction window" either, so get it corrected at your first opportunity. They can pull you over and inspect you at just about any time they see you.

Making proper extension requests will help us help you. 🔥



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What was your first job?

Food World, meat department.

What are some things you do in your spare time?

Play board games with the family and fish.

Do you have any favorite sports teams?

Tampa Bay Buccaneers, North Carolina State, and Carolina Hurricanes.

Do you have a gadget you can't live without?

Phone.

How did you get into your line of work?

Open opportunity.

What is your job now?

Student enrollment counselor.

What do you like most about your job?

Meeting new people.

What do you find most challenging about your job?

Starting over, new process, change.

Give us an idea of what an average day includes:

Checking emails, researching job fairs/ career fairs, visiting with employers and new students.

How has your business grown?

Everyday, try to get one step closer to the goal.

How has it changed over the years?

Not a full year yet.

What is the best advice you ever received?

No one at work will remember how many late nights you worked, but your kids will.

What advice would you give someone entering the industry today?

Starting is hard, but after the first year, it gets easier, keep pushing forward.

What was the last book or movie you enjoyed?

Frozen with the kids.

What did you do after high school?

Joined the Army.

Where would you like to visit?

Naples, Italy.

What characteristics do you admire most in others?

Honesty and a helpful heart.

How long have you been involved in SEPA?

Two months.

What are the skills you use most in your career?

Driving, researching, and communication.

What is your greatest achievement to date?

Happy family.

What is something unusual or funny that no one knows about you?

I jump in my cold pool almost every day. 

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June 9-11	SEPA Convention	
Sept 13-17	SEPA Fall Meeting	Cherokee, NC
January 22-March 17	SEPATEC Winter Term	Graham, NC
March 11 & 12	NC CETP Basic	Online
March 13	NC Fuel Piping Perp	Raleigh
March 25-27	NC CETP Bobtail	Raleigh
March 25-27	SC CETP Exterior 4.1	Columbia, SC
April 1-May 24	SEPATEC Spring Term	Graham, NC
April 1 & 2	GA CETP Basic (S)	Macon, GA
April 3-5	GA CETP Bobtail (S)	Macon, Gas
April 8 & 9	NC CETP Basic	Online
April 10	NC Fuel Piping Prep	Hickory, NC
April 15-16	GA CETP Basic (N)	Gainesville, GA
April 17-19	GA CETP Bobtail (N)	Gainesville, GA
April 22-24	NC CETP Bobtail	Hickory, NC
April 29-May 1	SC CETP Interior 4.2	Columbia, SC
May 2	SC Venting	Columbia, SC
May 20 & 21	GA CETP Basic (S)	Macon, GA
May 22-24	GA CETP Bobtail (S)	Macon, GA
May 27-29	SC CETP Plant Ops	Columbia, SC

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June 3-5	GA CETP Plant Ops (N)	Gainesville, GA
June 6	GA Gas Check (N)	Gainesville, GA
June 10-August 2	SEPATEC Summer Term	Graham, NC
June 17-20	NC CETP Bobtail	Raleigh, NC
June 24-26	GA CETP Plant Ops (S)	Macon, GA
June 27	GA Gas Check (S)	Macon, GA
July 8 & 9	SC CETP Basic	Columbia, SC
July 10-12	SC CETP Bobtail	Columbia, SC
July 8 & 9	NC CETP Basic	Online
July 10	NC Fuel Piping	Raleigh, NC
July 22-24	NC CETP Bobtail	Raleigh, NC
July 22 & 23	GA CETP Basic (S)	Macon, GA
July 24	GA Gas Check (S)	Macon, Gas
July 29-31	GA CETP Bobtail (S)	Macon, GA
August 5-September 6	Open for SEPATEC in GA	
September 9 & 10	GA CETP Basic (N)	Gainesville, GA
September 11-13	GA CETP Bobtail (N)	Gainesville, GA
September 23-25	SEPATEC Fall Term	Graham, NC
September 23 - 25	GA CETP Plant Ops (N)	Gainesville, GA
Sept 26	GA Gas Check (N)	Gainesville, GA



PROPANE SCHOOL BUSES Love Cold Weather

>> With millions of Americans facing sub-zero temperatures this winter, school systems need reliable transportation that operates well in cold weather.

COLD WEATHER PERFORMANCE

Cold weather should not be a constant barrier to getting children to and from school. Thankfully, the 1,000-plus school districts operating propane school buses are consistently and seamlessly transporting 1.3 million students to school safely every day—even in the harshest of conditions.

In the Blue Bird Vision Propane school bus, propane remains in a liquid state until it reaches the cylinder. This cutting-edge technology alleviates cold weather start issues associated with vapor technology propane systems of the past. In fact, the new fuel system provides for unaided cold weather start-ups for up to minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

Transportation directors across the country and in Canada share that in cold weather conditions, buses fueled by propane autogas start and operate better than their diesel and EV counterparts, where the fuel may gel or range may be compromised. Let's see how districts in the coldest parts of North America are faring with propane school buses.

HOWARD-WINNESHIEK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IOWA

Howard-Winneshiek Community School District in Cresco is located in northeast Iowa. The district's school buses travel up to 15,000 miles each per school year on long rural routes. The weather can be extreme, with cold-weather months of negative 30-degree temperatures and abundant snowfall. The district's fleet consists of nine propane buses and 23 diesel models.

"Our propane buses perform flawlessly," said Director of Transportation Brian Swestka. "They warm up substantially quicker than our diesel buses. The propane buses are ready to go in just a few minutes compared with 20–30 minutes for diesel to warm up."

For the school district's diesel buses to operate during the winter months, the maintenance crew plugs the engine block heater into an electrical outlet at night, costing both time and money. This is not needed for the propane buses.

"Every time we do any type of service, it costs us money. Propane buses require less maintenance than our diesel buses, and that means lower costs," added Swestka, who said the school district's yearlong data showed the average cost per mile for its propane buses to be about 60% lower than its diesel buses.



BY TODD MOUW,
PRESIDENT,
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Cost savings benefit the school district, but the biggest difference for the drivers and the passengers has been the warmer and quieter performance of the propane buses. On very cold days, the school district's diesel buses often don't get warm enough to get to a comfortable temperature inside the bus, which is not the case with the propane models. Also, the school district's drivers can hear traffic around the propane buses better and hear the students inside the bus with more clarity.

BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION, MANITOBA, CANADA

Brandon School Division in Manitoba covers a landscape containing both urban and rural areas. Temperatures average in the mid-80s in the warmer months and down to negative 35 degrees Fahrenheit in the colder months, with windchills as low as negative 60. The average yearly snowfall is 40 inches. Its school

bus fleet is made up of 12 propane buses and 31 diesel buses.

The propane buses have performed consistently for the school district. "We get temperatures from extreme cold to quite hot, and there is no change in how the propane bus performs, which is consistently great," said Supervisor of Transportation Ron Harkness.

Prior to purchasing its first propane bus, the school district tested a demo propane bus for its cold-weather performance. It found that the demo bus did not need to be plugged into block heaters and that they started right up. The diesel models are always kept plugged in.

The drivers are equally impressed with the propane buses. "The propane buses heat up quickly, which our drivers appreciate," said Harkness. "The student and driver comfort is fantastic. Students even need to tell the drivers to turn the heat down—that never happens with the diesel buses."


PROCTOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, MINNESOTA

Proctor Public Schools in Proctor, Minnesota, operates a school bus fleet of 30 with nine Blue Bird Vision Propane buses. The buses travel rural and mountainous terrain. Nearly three-quarters of the area is serviced by gravel roads, and the elevation significantly changes throughout the district. During the summer, temperatures reach into the 90s, with temperatures dipping to as low as negative 30 degrees during the winter with negative 50-degree windchill. The average snowfall is 75 inches annually.

Transportation Supervisor Curt Benassi has found that his propane school buses are outperforming their diesel buses in these conditions. "When it's cold out, our diesel buses take forever to warm up, and we need to check them to see if they work," Benassi said. "Even when it's 40 below, our propane buses start up with no trouble and no additional time needed."

Benassi says that on cold days lower than 20 degrees, his maintenance crew must dump fuel conditioner into the diesel fuel to avoid it from being turned into wax. Each bottle of conditioner fuel is \$9 per bus per time. Sometimes, in the district's diesel buses, a block heater doesn't work to warm up the antifreeze, and they can't use the bus. He often has diesel buses that don't start up due to cold weather. In comparison, Proctor Public Schools' propane buses do not need fuel conditioners or electric block heaters to start.

The school district's school bus drivers and students also benefit from the ability of the propane buses to start up and stay warm inside the cabin. "Our drivers love how warm the propane buses get," said Benassi. "From front to back, the temperature remains at a consistent 70 degrees. Students sometimes tell the driver to turn the heat down, which never happens in diesel. Compare that to the front of the diesel bus, which might be only 30 degrees—throughout the entire bus route. Drivers often cover themselves with blankets in diesel buses, and, on extremely cold days, almost all the floor is covered with frost during the route."

During cold-weather months, propane school buses across North America are proving to perform consistently and economically at temperatures well below zero, satisfying drivers, students, technicians, parents, and district leadership. 

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KEY DATES

APPLICATION WINDOW OPENS

December 15, 2023

APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 15, 2024

LEARN MORE about this opportunity on NPGA's website, read about the 2023 scholarship recipients, and see a list of the generous donors who make this program possible.

APPLY HERE



Questions?
Contact us at scholarship@npga.org.

APPLICATION FOR 2024 SEPA NORTH CAROLINA SCHOLARSHIP

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Name of High School: _____ GPA (9–12): _____

Name of College (For Grad Student Applicant): _____ GPA: _____

College Attending/Planning to Attend: _____ Have You Been Accepted? Yes No

If Enrolled, College GPA: _____ Major: _____ Minor: _____

Are You Eligible for or Have You Applied for Other Grants or Scholarships? Yes No (If YES, please list scholarship(s) and the amount(s))

Name/Amount: _____ \$ _____

Name/Amount: _____ \$ _____

Have You Received a Scholarship for 2024? Yes No (If YES, please list name(s) and amount (s) of scholarship)

Name/Amount: _____ \$ _____

Name/Amount: _____ \$ _____

If Selected, Do You Agree to Furnish SEPA NC With a Copy of Your Quarterly or Semester Transcripts? Yes No

Name of Parent Employed In Propane Industry: _____ Name of Company Employed By: _____

Position With Company: _____ Length Of Employment: _____

Parent's Business/Home Phone Number: _____ Parent's Email: _____

Signature Of Company Officer/Manager: _____ Date: _____

Signature Of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Attachments: See Section G of the Scholarship Program Guidelines for additional requirements. Please list on a separate sheet of paper any significant honors and/or achievements you have received or made. Also, include any activities you are involved in. **DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2024.** If no eligible candidates have applied, the scholarships will not be awarded. **REMIT TO: SOUTHEAST PROPANE ALLIANCE, 5109 HOLLYRIDGE DRIVE, RALEIGH, NC 27612, 919-787-8485.**



SEPA NC Scholarship Program Guideline

SECTION A. Selection Committee—A committee consisting of the following shall choose the SEPA NC Scholarships:

- 1. NC Advisory Board Chair
- 2. NC Advisory Board Past Chair
- 3. NPGA State Director for NC
- 4. Three SEPA NC Advisory Board Members
- 5. One Member At Large—Appointed by NC Advisory Board Chair

- Any Scholarship Committee member whose child or grandchild is an applicant shall not be eligible to vote.
- Any Scholarship Committee member whose employee's child or grandchild is an applicant shall not be eligible to vote.
- A quorum consisting of five Scholarship Committee members must be present for a decision to be made.

SECTION B. Application—Applications for the scholarships shall be mailed to each member. Additional applications may be acquired by contacting the SEPA office or copied from the original.

SECTION C. Eligibility—Application for the scholarships shall be limited to:

- Children or Grandchildren whose parents are employees but non-officers of a company in good standing with SEPA NC and who are currently working in sales, deliveries, service, manufacturing, and/or administration in the propane industry and who have also been employed no less than one year in the industry prior to application.
- Full-time employees (30 hours or more per week) who are non-officers of a company in good standing with SEPA NC and who are currently working in sales, deliveries, service, manufacturing, and/or administration in the propane industry and who have also been employed no less than one year in the industry prior to application.
- The applicant must be a high school senior or high school graduate who is planning to attend or is attending college or a college graduate who is planning to attend grad school.
- Parent(s) or Grandparent(s) and applicant must be North Carolina residents.
- An applicant who has received a National Propane Gas Association scholarship for the same year will not be eligible to receive a SEPA NC scholarship.
- Be willing to present authorization for Committee to do financial need check.

SECTION D. Deadline—Application must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2024. If no eligible candidate has applied, the scholarships will not be awarded.

SECTION E. Granting Scholarships—The SEPA NC Scholarship Selection Committee will decide on the funding of scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year, for one year only to applicants who plan to attend a college or university. Applicants may re-apply for the scholarship for a period not to exceed four years. The scholarships will be paid in equal amounts each quarter/semester, according to school requirements. It will be paid to the recipient's school of their choice after receiving proof of acceptance and registration. In addition, SEPA NC will fund separate scholarships in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) per year, for one year only to applicants who plan to attend a vocational or technical school. The scholarship will be paid to the recipient's school of their choice after receiving proof of acceptance and registration.

SECTION F. Funding the Scholarship—Funds collected for the scholarships shall be held in an interest-bearing account overseen by the SEPA Board of Officers. All contributions for the scholarships shall be made to the SEPA NC Scholarship Fund. The SEPA NC Scholarship Fund is intended to be self-supporting. However, if all other sources of income should fail to provide the annual funds needed, a scholarship will not be awarded in that year.

SECTION G. Additional Eligibility—To be eligible for the Southeast Propane Alliance NC Scholarship, an applicant must submit the following credentials to the Scholarship Committee by the April 15 deadline:

- 1. An application for the scholarship
- 2. Transcripts for the previous two years (either high school and college or combination of both)
- 3. A letter from the applicant stating why they want this scholarship and what their plans are for a future career. It would be helpful to mention your financial need and any activities, both in school and in the community.
- 4. Enrollment Certificate from college or university where applicant has been accepted.
- 5. Any other support documents or letters the applicant feels will enhance the application.

SECTION H. Criterion—Scholarship recipients are selected based on the criteria outlined in the application form:

- Activities, Awards & Honors: 25 points
- Grades: 25 points
- Statement of Purpose: 25 points
- Financial Need: 25 points

SECTION I. Revisions—SEPA reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of the SEPA NC Scholarship Program and make changes at any time, including termination of the program.

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APPLICATION FOR 2024 SEPA SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOLARSHIP

Applicant Name (First): _____ (Middle): _____ (Last): _____

Date of Birth: _____ High School Graduation Month/Year: _____ Actual Date or Expected Date

High School Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____

College/Technical School Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Have You Been Accepted to the above College/Technical School? Yes No Planned Field of Study: _____

List Other Grants/Awards/Scholarship: Name/Amount: _____ \$

Name/Amount: _____ \$

Name/Amount: _____ \$

Name of Parent or Grandparent Employed in Propane Industry: _____

Company Employed By: _____ Location: _____

Position of Employment: _____ Length of Employment: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Applicant's Home Address: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Parent's or Grandparent's Signature: _____ Applicant's Signature: _____

Eligibility: The applicant must be a senior in a certified high school with plans to enter college or technical school the school year following graduation from high school, or a student already in college or technical school with plans to re-enroll the following school year. Applicant, applicant's parent or applicant's grandparent must be a full-time employee of a SEPA member company in good standing and who has worked in the propane industry for at least one (1) year prior to application submission.

Each applicant must provide all of the following to be considered for a scholarship:

1. Completed South Carolina Propane Gas Scholarship Application.
2. Official transcripts from the three (3) previous years of study (high school, college, or technical school), ACT and SAT scores.
3. Class rank and GPA for last completed year of high school.
4. At least one typed paragraph on why the applicant wants to continue their education.
5. Two (2) letters of recommendation, the first which must be from the applicant's high school Counselor/Principal or college/technical school Advisor/Dean and the second which must be from a person in the applicant's community that is not a relative of the applicant.
6. A descriptive list of significant honors received and of achievements accomplished during the last three or more years.
7. A copy of the applicant's letter of acceptance from the college or technical school the applicant plans to attend. (Must be submitted no later than June 1.)

POSTMARK APPLICATION BY APRIL 1. MAIL TO: SEPA - 5109 HOLLYRIDGE DRIVE - RALEIGH, NC 27612





WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

Immediately apparent is that the cylinder is almost half off the block. It was very wobbly, barely kept in place by the copper tube. Also, there is no supplier ID present. Being a follow-up visit for me, I assumed that there was more to the story, and there was. The dealer installed one 100-gallon cylinder as the correction for the first violation. The customer ran out of fuel over Christmas and could not get a delivery. He disconnected the empty cylinder and installed the filled 100-lb cylinder, likely strapping it to the larger cylinder, thus explaining the strap, which was not supporting the cylinder when I was there. The dealer picked up their cylinder, leaving the smaller cylinder installed as you see it. I understand a new dealer has replaced this cylinder with theirs.

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GREGORY CARL NARRON

>> Gregory Carl Narron, age 63, passed away Saturday, January 13, 2024, surrounded by his loving family after a battle with cancer and pulmonary fibrosis. Narron was the son of the late Carl Cremo Narron and Lois Spivey Narron.

Narron was the Owner/President of Petroleum Tank Corporation in Kenly since 1990. He took pride in his business and loved his employees and customers. He graduated from ECU in 1982 with a business degree. Narron was very social and had many great friends in his personal and professional life. He loved golf, spades, fishing, and traveling.

Narron is survived by his wife of 40 years, Aimee Narron; his son, Brandon Narron, and his wife, Jessica; his daughter, Casey Narron, and her partner, Jackie Sisto; and his two grandchildren, Decklyn and Atlas Narron; whom he loved with all his heart.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Thomas-Yelverton Funeral Home, with Rick Watson officiating. Burial will follow in Evergreen Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Narron's memory to the Shriners Children's Hospitals at donate.lovetotherescue.org.



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