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November 2025

E-Newsletter

Happy Thanksgiving!

We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with friends, family and loved ones. This time of year, often has us reflecting on everything we have to be thankful for. We're thankful for industry that has a voice to make a difference and dealers who support each other in times of need such as hurricanes. We're thankful for propane being a efficient and environmentally friendly fuel for the good of our future. Most of all, we're thankful for ALL of you!

Giving Tuesday is coming up on December 2. As you think about your end-of-year charitable giving, consider a donation to NPGAid. NPGA is generously matching donations up to the first \$100,000 raised, so your contribution has double the impact!

NPGAid is a new program for NPGA member company employees who are in need of assistance following an unforeseen disaster or personal hardship. The goal is to develop a pool of disaster relief funds by propane, for propane.

Make a tax-deductible donation on a one-time or recurring basis -- it's safe and easy to donate:

- Text: Text NPGAID to 71777.
- Online: Click on the "Donate" button at NPGAid.com.

As always, if you have any questions or need any information regarding the association, please contact the LPGA office at 225-763-8922 or email our Executive Director Randy Hayden at randy@ccilouisiana.com.

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2025-2026 Calendar of Events

December 15, 2025: NPGF Scholarship Applications Open.

December 16, 2025-1:00 pm: Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Church Street Inn-Natchitoches.

February 15, 2026: NPGF Scholarship Applications Close.

February 25-26, 2026: National Propane & Education Training Conference, Embassy Suites-Fort Lauderdale, FL.

March 2026: First Quarter Board of Directors Meeting-Date and Location TBD.

June 7-9, 2026: NPGA Propane Days, Hilton Washington, DC-Capitol Hill.

June 29-July 2, 2026: APGA/LPGA Annual Summer Convention, Hilton Hotel-Pensacola Beach, FL.

June 30, 2026: Second Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Hilton Hotel-Pensacola Beach, FL.

PERC's HVAC Technical School Grant Program

With the HVAC Technical School Grant Program, schools can receive extra funding to give students enhanced, real-world experience with propane, and better prepare them for the jobs of tomorrow. Through this program, your local school can receive up to \$10,000 of grant money by incorporating a provided curriculum into your program, and completing a few other requirements like acquiring specific propane equipment and appliances that will take hands-on learning to new heights.

Technical schools and community colleges are eligible for the \$5,000 program or a \$10,000 grant for the 80-hour HVAC and Plumber Technical Training curriculum and accompanying list of appliances and equipment.

High schools are eligible for a \$5,000 grant to incorporate the eight-hour Overview of Propane Distribution Systems curriculum and accompanying list of appliances and equipment. This is a condensed foundational propane systems program.

Applications for the 2026 Program are open through December 19, 2025. Learn more and apply here.

2026 National Propane Education & Training Conference

Registration is Open! Get ready for the 2026 National Propane Education & Training Conference, happening February 25–26 at the Embassy Suites Fort Lauderdale 17th Street.

Join propane professionals from across the country for two days of powerful sessions, hands-on learning, and industry collaboration, all focused on keeping safety and education at the heart of our industry.

This year's conference features two specialized tracks—Education or Safety & Compliance. No matter which you pick, you'll walk away with fresh ideas, practical tools, and insights you can put to work right away.

The Education Track of the 2026 National Propane Education and Training Conference offers hands-on sessions designed to help trainers make the most of PERC's evolving educational tools. Participants will explore the transition from CETP to PEP, including a new PEP road map and refresher learning paths;

engage in an open discussion on effectively using PEP instructor materials and blended learning techniques; gain practical experience incorporating virtual reality into propane training; and participate in a Learning Center workshop covering system customization and setup.

The Safety & Compliance Track at the 2026 National Propane Education and Training Conference provides attendees with critical updates and practical tools to strengthen safety practices across the industry. Sessions include the latest code changes impacting propane operations, updates to the Propane Emergencies courses, best practices for responding to emergency-related customer calls, and guidance on incorporating hands-on training aids into classroom instruction.

Don't miss out. Explore the agenda and register today!
<https://propane.com/2026-national-propane-education-training-conference/>



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Propane Safety Starts with Us

Fostering a culture of safety and ensuring the safety of our industry begin with us. To prevent injuries and reduce incidents, it is crucial that propane professionals stay current with all safety protocols. The PERC Education Program (PEP) provides complimentary safety training for your team. You can find additional resources in The Learning Center, including safety talk topics and details to reinforce safe practices your staff should follow daily.

YOUR TOP TOOL FOR STAYING SAFE

PEP provides critical education and compliance training in The Learning Center. Learn more about PEP and answer frequently asked questions by scanning the QR code.



Industry Safety

Safety is the control of recognized hazards to achieve an acceptable level of risk. A “safety culture” is how your company approaches that goal, how team members act in the field, and the daily decisions that prioritize safety over shortcuts. It’s about empowering every employee to take responsibility for themselves, their coworkers, and their customers.

Fortunately, there are excellent resources available to help your company strengthen its safety program and keep safety top of mind.

- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) offers Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs, providing step-by-step guidance for building or enhancing workplace safety systems.

- The National Safety Council (NSC) and the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) also offer free resources and learning materials designed to improve organizational safety performance:

- In addition, many insurance providers offer loss control services that can be invaluable in identifying risks before they lead to incidents.

Leverage PERC’s Learning Center.

PERC offers comprehensive training programs in our Learning Center to help companies build and sustain a safety-first culture. Key programs include:

- Refresher Training Programs: Shorter, updated programs that align with PERC Education Program (PEP) materials, helping employees stay current on their daily job functions.

- Managing Compliance in the Propane Industry: A deep dive into regulatory responsibilities, codes, and standards, plus practical guidance on using the Comprehensive Compliance Handbook to stay compliant.

- Propane Personal Safety Program: A modular training designed to prevent accidents and injuries. It covers key topics such as performing personal risk assessments, proper body mechanics, safely entering and exiting vehicles, handling cylinders, and managing delivery hoses.

- New Consumer Safety Materials: Available in both

digital and printed formats, these resources help educate customers on important safety practices for everyday propane use.

Being safe in our industry is everyone’s responsibility, and it doesn’t happen by accident, it takes, planning, education, training, and the commitment by each and every one of us to make every day safe.

YPC Launching State Engagement Program

NPGA’s Young Professionals Council (YPC) is launching a new State Engagement Program. This initiative allows state and regional propane associations to select a young professional from their membership to serve as a liaison with NPGA and YPC for a commitment of 1 to 3 years.

Program Highlights:

- *Increase Younger Member Participation: Bolster your association’s engagement with the next generation of leaders.

- *Stay Nationally Connected: Gain a dedicated link for national opportunities and information from NPGA and the YPC.

- *Expand the Propane Network: Facilitate crucial cross-state and cross-generational networking.

- *Develop Future Leaders: Equip and encourage the industry’s future leaders.

- *Recruitment Support: YPC will assist in the recruitment process to create a pipeline of candidates qualified for service on state and regional association Boards.

Key Dates:

- State Association Sponsor Commitment: NOW – December 31st, 2025

- Liaison Application Period: January 1st, 2026 – January 30th, 2026

- Selection Period: February 1st, 2026 – February 14th, 2026

The deadline to commit to sponsorship is December 31, 2025. Learn more about YPC and the State Engagement Program here. Questions? Contact Krysta Wanner, YPC State Engagement Committee Chair, at Krysta@westernpga.org or Steph Hennen, YPC Chair, SHennen@lakegas.com.

November Safety Tip of the Week from PERC

•**Week 43 (November 3rd)** – Verifying the Presence of Odorant: Propane personnel are required to verify the presence of odorant at various times, typically through a “sniff test.” When performing a sniff test: Wear appropriate PPE; Vent only a small amount of liquid propane; Sniff only after the vent is closed and the liquid propane has vaporized; Understand your company’s policies and procedures, including how to document the presence of odorant, and what to do if you believe propane is not properly odorized.

•**Week 44 (November 10th)** – Building Customer Relationships and Promoting Propane Safety: Positive, professional interactions are key to keeping the customers you have and developing new ones. More important, quality, trustworthy customer service is critical in promoting the safe use of propane.

•**Week 45 (November 17th)** – Safely Transporting a Crane: Before leaving the yard or job site, a crane operator must prepare the crane for proper transport. Travel only with the boom retracted and in a stowed position as specified by the manufacturer.

•**Week 46 (November 24th)** – Rigging Safety: Proper rigging is critical to ensure a safe and efficient lift of the load. Only trained and qualified personnel should attach rigging to a crane’s hook and load. Poor or improper rigging can result in personal injury, property damage, and damage to your vehicle or crane.



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Join us in the City of Lights!

Join us Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 1:00 pm for the LPGA fourth quarter board of directors meeting at the Church Street Inn (120 Church St., Natchitoches, LA 71457). A Dutch Christmas Dinner will follow that evening at 5:30 pm at Mariner’s Restaurant (5948 Highway 1 Bypass).

A room block has been set up at the Church Street Inn for our group under Louisiana Propane. Please contact the hotel directly to make your reservation at 318-238-8888.

Please RSVP for dinner to marica@ccilouisiana.com.



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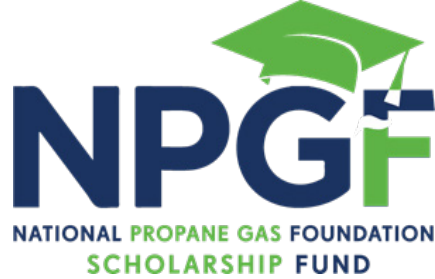
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National Propane Gas Foundation Scholarships



The National Propane Gas Foundation (NPGF) Scholarship Fund awards \$1,000 and \$2,000 scholarships to students pursuing any course of study at two- and four-year colleges or technical, trade, or vocational schools. Students pursuing propane-related careers are especially encouraged to apply. Eligible applicants are children of employees of NPGA member companies, state propane associations, or PERC.

Since 1994, the NPGF Scholarship Fund has awarded more than \$2.7 million in scholarships to 1800+ children of NPGA member company employees!

Key Dates

December 15, 2025
Application window opens

February 15, 2026
Application deadline

Learn more and apply, read about past scholarship recipients, and see a list of our generous donors and sponsors at

www.npga.org/news-resources/scholarships

Questions?

Contact us at scholarship@npga.org

NPGA Completes Hazmat Instructor Training Program

NPGA successfully completed its FY 2024 Hazardous Materials Instructor Training (HMIT) program. Supported by funding from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), the program delivered comprehensive hazardous materials training to 2,104 personnel across 74 events held in 16 states, exceeding all initial projections.

The HMIT initiative, administered by PHMSA under the US Department of Transportation, aims to strengthen the nation's readiness and capabilities for the safe transportation and handling of hazardous materials. This program provided funds to utilize fire-safety and regulatory trainers to train private industry personnel and first responders about safe propane transportation and handling across their communities through classroom and hands-on events with live propane fires, overturned bobtails, and more. NPGA worked in partnership with state and regional organizations to ensure that propane industry professionals receive state-of-the-art instruction in safety standards, emergency fire suppression procedures, first-response coordination with local emergency personnel, and federal and state hazardous materials regulations—all essential for ensuring clean, safe, and reliable energy to millions of Americans nationwide.

The program's geographic reach reflected a true national effort, spanning from New Mexico to West Virginia, Hawaii to Wisconsin, and many states in between. Collectively, the personnel trained through this program serve a population of nearly 140 million Americans, many of whom reside in rural communities. Propane plays a vital role in the U.S. energy landscape, not only as a clean-burning fuel used by millions of households and small businesses, but also as a resilient energy source during natural disasters and power disruptions. The HMIT program directly supports this national energy resilience by ensuring that the industry's personnel are trained to the highest safety and regulatory standards.

Beyond the impressive numbers, NPGA's regional partners used this opportunity to develop curricula and training models that will continue beyond the grant period, ensuring ongoing value for the propane industry and public safety. NPGA expects that these resources will serve as blueprints for future instruction and outreach, particularly as the industry continues to evolve alongside new safety technologies and regulatory frameworks and expands into new markets, such as

bridge power supply for datacenters.

Should NPGA receive an additional award for FY 2025, the Association plans to build on this momentum, expanding outreach to more partner organizations serving tens of millions of Americans. To learn more about the HMIT program or find out how your regional association can partner with NPGA's efforts for FY 2025, contact NPGA's manager of grants and agency engagement, Nicholas Edward at Nedwards@npga.org.



National Propane Gas Foundation Scholarships

The National Propane Gas Foundation Scholarship Fund (NPGF/SF) is excited to kick off the 2026-2027 scholarship program on December 15. Children of employees of NPGA member companies, state propane associations, or PERC are eligible to apply. Applicants may be pursuing any course of study at two- and four-year colleges or technical, trade, or vocational schools. Students pursuing propane-related careers are especially encouraged to apply.

Every year, the NPGF/SF awards \$1,000 and \$2,000 scholarships to 100+ students. Since 1994, the NPGF Scholarship Fund has awarded more than \$2.7 million to 1800+ children of NPGA member company employees!

Key Dates:

December 15 – application window opens
February 15 – application closes

Visit NPGA's website at www.npga.org/news-resources/scholarships to learn about this opportunity including important FAQs, read about past scholarship recipients, see a list of the generous donors who make this program possible, and apply starting on December 15.

Questions? Contact us at scholarship@npga.org

Congress Passes Short-Term Government Funding Package, Including Much-Anticipated LIHEAP Funding

On November 12, 2025, the U.S. House passed an amended Continuing Resolution from the U.S. Senate to reopen the government after 43 days. This legislation would extend Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 funding levels until January 30, 2026. This extension gives lawmakers additional time to negotiate final appropriations for FY 2026.

The amended CR would also include a “minibus” of full-year FY 2026 appropriations bills, covering the Legislative Branch, Agriculture, and Military Construction/VA. As part of the agreement, Democrats have secured a commitment for a December vote on extending Affordable Care Act (ACA) subsidies.

President Trump has signed the bill into law. The passed CR would keep LIHEAP funding at FY 2024 levels. The Department of Health and Human Services will receive only a prorated share of its annual funding—covering the period from October 1, 2025, through January 30, 2026. As federal employees return to work, LIHEAP funds may take 30-60 days or longer to process and distribute to states. Preparedness may vary by state;

NPGA encourages marketers to contact their state LIHEAP offices for the most current information.

For state-by-state LIHEAP resources, visit National Energy & Utility Affordability Coalition’s (NEUAC) directory.

As federal employees return to work, programs, projects, and grants paused during the shutdown will resume or move forward in their review processes. This includes the release of EIA weekly data, progress on FTA’s Clean Bus Grant Program, FMCSA’s decision on NPGA’s seasonal hours-of-service waiver petition, and consideration of NPGA’s request for a FY 2026 PHMSA HMIT grant. With agencies reopening, federal staff will also be able to resume communication with stakeholders, allowing NPGA to move ahead in securing meetings with numerous Members of Congress and federal agency leaders.

Questions? Contact NPGA Manager of Federal Legislative Affairs Lauren Medlin at Lmedlin@npga.org.

