Please read thoroughly before completing the nomination form.

EQT is again proud to sponsor the EQT Students of Excellence Scholarship Program. The program is open to all high school seniors who reside in West Virginia and are enrolled in a public or private school, or receive their education through a home school setting. The program offers two separate types of scholarship awards. The first is a one-time $1,000 scholarship award that will be given to one student in each of West Virginia’s 55 counties as well as five “at-large” $1,000 scholarships. The second kind of scholarship provides six seniors with renewable scholarships of up to $18,000 per year for up to four years of higher education.

EQT has several offices across West Virginia and is dedicated to enriching the communities where its employees live and work. As an integrated energy company with emphasis on Appalachian-area natural gas production, gathering, transmission and distribution, EQT is pleased to support West Virginia students by sponsoring the EQT Students of Excellence Scholarship Program.

About the EQT Students of Excellence Scholarship Program
Each fall, The State Journal honors exceptional young men and women through the EQT Students of Excellence Scholarship Program. The awards program is open to all high school seniors enrolled in a public or private school or in a home school setting who are residents of West Virginia. The awards will honor students who are dedicated to their schools and their communities.

These are not entirely academic-based awards, although academic achievement will be considered in the process. Nominations will be considered based on the student’s unique achievements.

The Students of Excellence Scholarship Program offers two separate types of scholarship awards. The first is a one-time $1,000 scholarship award to high school seniors and operates on a yearly basis. One winner from each of West Virginia’s 55 counties and five “at-large” winners from throughout West Virginia will be selected. In order to be eligible, the senior must be in good academic standing and maintain at least a 3.0 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale. The student also must have been nominated through the Students of Excellence Scholarship Program. A student may nominate himself for a scholarship award, or may be nominated by a third party. The recipients of the awards need not have four-year college degrees as their goals; recipients may have aspirations of entering technical or trade schools or enrolling in two-year or four-year institutions of higher learning.

The second type of award in the Students of Excellence Scholarship Program provides six West Virginia high school seniors with renewable scholarships of up to $18,000 per year for up to four years of higher education.

To be eligible for the larger scholarship awards, the students must be working toward and maintaining a degree in one of the following majors: (1) Computer Science or Information Technology, (2) Engineering (Petroleum, Civil, or Chemical), (3) Energy or Land Management, (4) Environmental Science, (5) Geology, or (6) Safety Science. To be eligible for these scholarships, a narrative and/or letter of recommendation must be included with the applicant’s nomination form.
EQT Students of Excellence Scholarship Program Criteria

This is a nomination-based recognition program for West Virginia seniors only and designed to honor students who are dedicated to their schools and their communities. Nominations must be completely filled out or they will not be considered. A $1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one student from each county. Each student must submit a high-resolution color photo with his or her application. The photos of scholarship winners will be used in The State Journal’s magazine profiling the winning students. An awards reception and ceremony will take place at the State Capitol in Charleston to recognize the winners. All winners will be notified via email and/or telephone.

A complete nomination for the $1,000 scholarships will include:
- A completed Nomination Form
- A Letter of Recommendation is optional. The letter should be no more than one page and should include the contact information of the person writing the letter.
- Color Photo

Six high school seniors will qualify to receive renewable scholarships up to $18,000 per year for up to four years. Once it is awarded, the scholarship is renewable if the student maintains a “B” average.

Students seeking a scholarship of up to $18,000 per year must submit a narrative explaining why the nominee should be selected for recognition. The nominator may have the nominated student contribute to the narrative if the nominator does not feel he/she has a complete picture of the student. Please be as thorough as possible. Suggested topics include: civic/volunteer involvement, work/entrepreneurship, sports, academic achievement, leadership positions, youth groups/scouts/church involvement, extracurricular activities/clubs, other awards received, other special talents/interests.

To be eligible for the larger scholarships, a student must be working toward and maintaining progress toward a degree in one of the following majors:
- Computer Science or Information Technology
- Engineering — Petroleum, Civil or Chemical
- Energy or Land Management
- Environmental Science
- Geology
- Safety Science

EQT Students of Excellence Scholarship Program Eligibility

Students are eligible if:
- They are 12th grade students;
- Residents of West Virginia;
- Enrolled in public, private or in-home school settings; and
- In good academic standing with at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.