



2026 Black Maple Wind Scholarship

Southwest Valley CSD

Apex Clean Energy

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Scholarship

Black Maple Wind and Apex Clean Energy are proud to offer **one (1) \$1,000** scholarship to reward a Southwest Valley CSD student who has prepared themselves to go on and obtain STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) degrees. The hope is to encourage future students to take those more challenging high school courses and help them fill these jobs that are in high demand. We also support several of the vocational trade programs.

Qualifications

Priority One

1. The applicant must be a high school student senior in the Southwest Valley Community School District.
2. The applicant must be accepted by a college or university with an accredited program.

3. The applicant must be enrolled full-time in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) college courses which will lead to a STEM degree. An approved list can be found at https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/fgib/STEM_Program_List.pdf

Or

The applicant may be enrolled full-time in an approved two (2) year vocational trades training program. These programs include:

Wind Turbine Technician, Powerline Technicians, Electricians, Welding, HVAC, Plumbers/Pipefitters, Diesel Mechanics, and Tool-n-Die.

Priority Two

An applicant enrolled full-time in any other accredited two (2) year vocational trades program.

4. The applicant must be willing to submit a photo and short college bio to Black Maple Wind for media acknowledgment.

Procedure

1. The Southwest Valley CSD counselor's office will post the Black Maple Wind Scholarship Application and scholarship guidelines document on the Southwest Valley Scholarship Page. Applications are to be submitted to corey.eberling@apexcleanenergy.com by 11:59pm on April 17, 2026.

2. The scholarship applicant **shall submit a photo and a short college bio with their Black Maple Wind Scholarship Application.** The scholarship winner's photo and college will be used for media

acknowledgment. Failure to submit all three (3) items will render your application incomplete.

3. The scholarship award winner will be notified at the Southwest Valley CSD Awards Program.

4. Scholarship dollars will be released in both your name and your college/university's name by the Corning Community School Educational Foundation for the second semester of your freshman year after:

a) You provide proof of successful completion of the 2026 Fall semester (a straight C (2.0) or higher). **Failure to achieve a 2.0 at the conclusion of the 2026 Fall semester, you will surrender your rights to collect the \$1,000 Black Maple Wind Scholarship.** A screenshot is acceptable unless the Southwest Valley CSD requires an additional verification process to meet their auditing process.

b) You provide proof of continued enrollment for the 2027 Spring semester in the approved scholarship majors and programs. A screenshot is acceptable unless the Southwest Valley CSD requires an additional verification process to meet their auditing process.

c) You provide all documentation, student ID #, college name, and the mailing address of the Financial Aid Office of your school.

d) In December 2026, submit all required info in the Procedures Section 4a through 4c after the conclusion of the 2026 Fall Semester to: Southwest Valley Counselor's Office in person or via email to rcampbell@southwestvalley.org

1) **Do Not** submit information to Corey Eberling or the Corning Community School Educational Foundation.

2) Failure to comply and submit all information will delay the arrival of your scholarship dollars to your college or university's financial aid office.

5. If you do not claim your scholarship by March 1, 2027, you will forfeit your award.

6. Those who have a military deferred college enrollment until the 2027 Spring semester are eligible to apply for this grant, provided you are enrolled in an approved program for the 2027 Spring semester. If awarded our Black Maple Wind Scholarship at the 2026 Southwest Valley Awards Program, funds will be available for the 2027 Spring semester provided that you submit the info needed in **4c** to rcampbell@southwestvalley.org. Military deferment would include basic training and AIT (Advanced Individual Training) obligations. We at Apex Clean Energy appreciate your dedication and service to our great nation.