

# MEGAWATT SCHOLARSHIPS

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE MEGAWATT SCHOLARSHIPS?**

Megawatt Scholarships are designed to support education in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The scholarships are a way of giving back to the communities in which Wind for Industry® projects are initiated.

### **WHAT DOES STEM STAND FOR?**

STEM is an acronym that stands for the academic disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. STEM education plays a major role in U.S. competitiveness and the country's future economic prosperity.

### **WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF STEM CAREERS?**

STEM disciplines encompass a variety of potential careers. From civil engineering to software development, medical research to wind turbine manufacturing, meteorology to marine architecture, and everything in between – there's incredible opportunities within the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

For more information on STEM and STEM careers, check out this online resource:

- [STEM 101: An Introduction to Tomorrow's Jobs](http://goo.gl/T7g3eE) – available at <http://goo.gl/T7g3eE>.

### **WHAT IS WIND FOR INDUSTRY®?**

Wind for Industry® is a wind energy project designed to achieve a significant reduction of an industrial facility's electrical consumption from the grid. These projects involve installing one or more utility-scale wind turbines and interconnecting them on the facility's side of their utility meter.

The organizations providing Megawatt Scholarships have installed Wind for Industry® projects at one or more of their facilities. For each wind turbine installed, one \$5,000 scholarship is made available for a high school senior in a neighboring school district.

[www.MegawattScholarships.org](http://www.MegawattScholarships.org)

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### **WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR MEGAWATT SCHOLARSHIPS?**

While each of the Megawatt Scholarships require that applicants be high school seniors pursuing an education in a STEM related field, additional eligibility requirements vary by scholarship.

To learn more about the requirements for each scholarship, visit [www.MegawattScholarships.org](http://www.MegawattScholarships.org), and check out each available award under the “Scholarships” drop down menu item.

### **WHY ARE ONLY SOME SCHOOL DISTRICTS ELIGIBLE FOR MEGAWATT SCHOLARSHIPS?**

Megawatt Scholarships are offered to high school seniors in the school districts near Wind for Industry® projects. The awards are a way to give back to the nearby community and encourage STEM education.

### **HOW DO I FIND OUT IF MY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ELIGIBLE?**

All districts eligible for Megawatt Scholarships are listed at [www.MegawattScholarships.org/School-Districts](http://www.MegawattScholarships.org/School-Districts)

### **MY SCHOOL DISTRICT ISN'T LISTED. CAN I STILL APPLY?**

At this time, only students in the school districts listed at [www.MegawattScholarships.org/School-Districts](http://www.MegawattScholarships.org/School-Districts) may apply, however the program may expand in future years.

### **MY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS LISTED FOR MULTIPLE MEGAWATT SCHOLARSHIP TYPES. WHY?**

Both the application requirements and the eligible school districts may vary with each Megawatt Scholarship. Each scholarship is awarded to students from districts that neighbor a specific Wind for Industry® project. Some Ohio districts may be near more than one project.

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### **I'M NOT A SENIOR YET. CAN I STILL APPLY?**

At this time, Megawatt Scholarships are available for seniors only, however the awards are presented annually – so if you're not yet a senior yet, be sure to apply once you are enrolled in 12th grade within an eligible school district.

### **WHEN IS FUNDING AWARDED?**

Megawatt Scholarship award recipients will be notified each spring, with funding distributed in April - May of each calendar year.

### **WHEN ARE THE APPLICATIONS DUE?**

Application deadlines vary by scholarship. To make sure you submit on time, check out the application requirements and deadlines listed for each award. See details for each available award [here](#).

### **HAVE A QUESTION THAT ISN'T COVERED HERE?**

Contact us at [info@MegawattScholarships.org](mailto:info@MegawattScholarships.org) and we'll get you an answer ASAP.

*Thank you for your interest in the Megawatt Scholarship program,  
and best of luck to all applicants!*

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