



Association of International Energy Negotiators

Scholarship Program 2026-2027 Briefing Document and Checklist

Annually, the Association of International Energy Negotiators (AIEN) sponsors a scholarship program that awards students who demonstrate strong character, academic ability, and potential to make a significant contribution to the field of international energy negotiations. This scholarship has been created in honor of one of AIEN's founding members, Mr. Gordon Barrows.

Award: US\$2,000 annual (US\$1,000 for each consecutive semester) for tuition only, paid directly to the school.

Candidates: AIEN member full-time undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in a college or university of higher learning. (*Students graduating in Fall 2026 are eligible to apply, however it is at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee to award full or partial funds.*)

To qualify, applicants must:

- Be a current AIEN member or AIEN applicant for membership.
- Possess potential to make a significant contribution to the field of international energy negotiations.
- Exhibit academic, leadership, and negotiation ability.
- Exhibit financial need.
- Complete all parts of the application form and submit all required supporting materials (including a personal statement (to be no greater than 250 words) as to why the applicant should receive the scholarship)
- Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak from personal knowledge concerning the applicant's character, ability, and potential to make a significant contribution to the field of international energy negotiations. Each reference must clearly indicate how long they have known the candidate and in what capacity they have worked with or supervised them. **Please note:** One reference MUST be from a professor at your school.
- Deliver all necessary forms in one e-mail to AIEN by **April 14, 2026**. Applications received after this date or incomplete applications will not be considered.

The selection of the recipients will be at the sole discretion of AIEN. AIEN reserves the right to award up to 10 scholarships or none at all. Previous scholarship winners are not eligible to participate again.

Applicants will be notified of results on or around May 19, 2026.

Checklist - Please ensure documentation is sent together in one e-mail (PDF documents preferred) to education@aien.org

- Be an Active AIEN Student Member/or Applicant
- Complete online application
- Proof of Enrollment (If AIEN does not already have a copy on file as part of your student membership records.)
- Copy of your current school transcript
- Copy of entrance exam scores (US schools only)
- Two letters of recommendation
- High resolution JPEG (300dpi) headshot style photo (Scholarship recipients will be featured in the AIEN Advisor newsletter and AIEN LinkedIn Page)
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