

# PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY WOMEN'S NETWORK EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP 2011 SUPPLEMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Women's Network Employee Resource Group at Pacific Gas and Electric Company seeks to recognize, promote, support and celebrate their women employees as well as the women in the communities around us. Our goals include championing career advancement and personal growth by offering development and mentorship opportunities, volunteer and community outreach and providing a forum to discuss and acknowledge the many demands women face in the workplace.

The Women's Network administers an annual scholarship program which awards deserving students who reside in PG&E's service area of Central and Northern California with monetary support for their higher education expenses.

The Women's Network aims to support students who are graduating high school seniors and that are pursuing degrees or careers in fields where PG&E has an interest, such as the engineering, information technology (i.e. computer science, MIS, etc.), business, environmental, or other majors related to the energy field. Selections are determined upon academic interest, GPA, leadership and involvement in school activities, community service, work experience, financial need, personal references and a written essay. Final round interviews may also be requested.

It is important to note that scholarship recipients *must* use the scholarships in the year awarded due to institutional requirements and federal tax constraints. If you are chosen as a scholarship recipient, please arrange with your university/college to use your PG&E scholarship by the end of 2011.

All PG&E Scholarship awards are mailed directly to the student's college Financial Aid Office to be applied towards tuition and fees. We do not distribute scholarship awards directly to the student or to their family.

#### **Eligibility:**

You are eligible to apply for the 2011 Scholarship if you are a:

- Graduating senior in high school at the time of the application deadline.
- Reside in the PG&E service area.
- Are in good academic standing, with a minimum weighted cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Have applied to an accredited university or college for fall 2011.
- Are pursuing a degree or career in engineering, information technology, business, environmental, or other major related to the energy field.
- Have demonstrated leadership and/or volunteered through active involvement in community organizations, academic or vocational activities or student organizations.

If chosen as a scholarship finalist, we may request:

- A phone interview.
- Proof of residency in the PG&E service area, which may include **either a copy of a PG&E bill** within the past six months for your residence address or other proof of residency, e.g. copy of phone bill, driver's license, etc.
- Verification of your household income (A copy of your Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) or household's 2009 W-2s)
- Your attendance at a scholarship presentation ceremony at PG&E's headquarters in San Francisco in the June to July 2011 timeframe.
- A recent photograph for the scholarship presentation slideshow.

### Deadline:

Complete the application, including all required documents, and mail in one envelope to the Women's Network with a **postmark on or before February 28, 2011**. We do not accept emailed application materials.

#### Instructions:

To be considered for a 2011 PG&E Women's Network Scholarship, please submit:

- **1.** A completed application (Please type or print in ink).
- 2. A current official transcript in a sealed envelope (Copies, faxes or emails will not be accepted).
- **3.** Two (2) reference letters from teachers, community leaders or others.
- 4. An essay with a minimum of two pages addressing one of the following topics:

<u>Topic 1:</u> Describe someone or something (i.e., an experience) that has influenced your life in a positive way and has contributed to who you are today.

<u>Topic 2:</u> Tell us about your goals or aspirations and where you envision yourself in the future.

Topic 3: Describe a challenge you faced. How did that experience change you?

<u>Topic 4:</u> How have your actions impacted your community (either through involvement with local organizations, activities, and/or events)?

5. Complete and mail application along with all required documents to:

#### Pacific Gas and Electric Company Women's Network Employee Resource Group Attn: Anndee Francisco & Nicole Mincin 1850 Gateway Blvd, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Concord, CA 94520

Please direct any questions to: Anndee Francisco (415/350-0052, AJFG@pge.com) Nicole Mincin (925/270-7548, NCM6@pge.com)

Successful scholarship applicants will be notified of their selection no later than May 16, 2011.

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