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## TECHNICAL SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

### TECHNICAL SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Give your students an elevated, hands-on learning experience and more career opportunities after graduation with pre-developed propane curriculum and the opportunity to outfit your classroom lab with propane related equipment. Take advantage of PERC's Technical School Grant Program and apply today to bring more opportunities to your school.

### PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for selection into the program, you must meet the following criteria:

You are an educational institution or career center (tech schools, community colleges, etc.) that is willing and able to expand class curriculum to include propane specific material and hands on resources. There is a limit of one grant awarded per school.

The school representative applying is at least 18 years of age.

### PARTICIPANT COMMITMENT

The Technical School Grant Program's success of this program lies solely in the installation of propane equipment and tools in classrooms across the country where propane curriculum is being incorporated and certifications are being sought.

#### Scope of Work

Outfit the training facility in accordance with the PERC specified equipment and tools.

Provide PERC with the proof of purchase for equipment.

Follow the criteria for either Tier One or Tier Two of the program.

Incorporate one of two PERC programs depending on the Tier approved:

1. Tier One: *Overview of Propane Distribution Systems*
2. Tier Two: *HVAC and Plumber Technical Training*



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Identify/Appoint a "Propane Advisor" who:

1. May be a local propane marketer, state propane foundation or association staff, or a representative from a propane gas association.
2. Shall be available to advise and cooperate with the instructor.
3. Shall speak to the class twice during the instruction period.
4. Shall provide sign off on the installation of equipment and availability of materials.

\*PERC can help appoint this person if you do not have a local propane company in mind.

Encourage Students to seek certification through PERC's Learning Center.

<https://training.propane.com/>.

Participate in a PERC marketing program highlighting receipt of the grant.

Participate in a PERC communications and outreach program to promote the technical school grant program and the recipients to others.

Complete a survey at the end of the program.

Provide PERC with a written letter from the instructor after the course has been completed to let us know how it went, to include any photos taken during instruction, and information if/ how the school is promoting the availability of the program.

An applicant must also complete a contract and W9. Applicants will receive 1099s.

### Timing

Applications are due by December 31, 2020. Applicants will receive a welcome or denial email mid-January 2021 via email. If you have been accepted into the program, you will receive a welcome packet with all the program components that you will need to complete.

Accepted applicants will receive 75% of funding up front, remaining 25% at the completion of program.

All elements of the program need to be completed by the end of May 2021 so school officials can send us their follow up letter and survey by June 1, 2021.



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## ELIGIBLE EQUIPMENT

Only new equipment may be eligible under this program. Refurbished or modified equipment will not be considered. Below are the specifics for the propane equipment that you will need to obtain.

### Tier One: \$5,000

Tier One, Featuring the 8-hour *Overview of Propane Distribution Systems for HVAC and Plumbing Professionals* is for schools looking for a condensed, foundational propane systems program. Tier One applicants are required to purchase a smaller set of tools, supplies, and appliances. To qualify for Tier One, you must obtain the following propane materials for your classroom.

1. Utilize PERC's *Overview of Propane Distribution Systems* course, including the 5 supplemental videos, in your course curriculum.
2. Propane Regulator Test and demo training board: Includes a 2-stage system, and integral 2-stage regulator, and an integral 2 psi regulator with an appliance regulator. The system must be able to demonstrate 3 different types of leak checks, flow, and lockup of each regulator in the system, and be able to demonstrate undersized gas piping and/or regulator issues. The supply source can be compressed air or other inert gas.
3. One propane regulator cutaway: either an integral 2-stage or a 2nd stage
4. Pressure measuring devices: water manometer with range up to 16" w.c., 0-300 psi gauge and a 0-30 psi gauge
5. Liquid leak detector solution
6. Gas pipe, tubing, and fittings samples: black iron pipe, copper tubing and CSST with bonding clamp
7. Propane hydrometer and supply source cylinder with proper hose and fittings for liquid transfer outside of a building
8. Propane Gas Appliance: on demand water heater or furnace, and propane supply tank or cylinder

### Tier Two: \$10,000

Tier Two: Tier Two features the full HVAC and Plumber Technical Training course that is developed to support a one to two- week long curriculum to dive deeper into hands-on training. Tier Two applicants are required to purchase a comprehensive set of tools, supplies, and appliances. To qualify for Tier Two, you must obtain item numbers 2-7 listed in Tier One, as well as the 5 items listed below.

1. Utilize PERC's full *HVAC and Plumber Technical Training* course, including the 5 supplemental videos.
2. Natural draft propane appliance: Ex: tank water heater, vented fireplace, or space heater
3. Category III propane appliance: Ex: central heating or boiler



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4. Category IV propane appliance: Ex: forced warm air furnace
5. Venting components: Ex: single wall pipe, double wall B-vent pipe, stainless steel pipe, PVC or other category IV vent pipe material

\*based on national averages, it is the expectation of PERC that the funding allocation costs cover the price of equipment and materials for each tier. If you have further questions, or would like help in finding a vendor for these materials, please contact Elena Scott at [Elena.Scott@propane.com](mailto:Elena.Scott@propane.com).

## MORE INFORMATION

Visit [www.propane.com/TechSchoolGrant](http://www.propane.com/TechSchoolGrant) for more information and details on how to apply.

## ABOUT PERC

Authorized by the Propane Education and Research Act of 1996, PERC is a nonprofit 501(c)(6) trade organization dedicated to promoting the safe, efficient use of propane as a preferred energy source. PERC was created “to enhance consumer and employee safety and training, to provide for research and development of clean and efficient propane utilization equipment, and to inform and educate the public about safety and other issues associated with the use of propane.”