

History of the Kelly Tyler - USW 746L Scholarship

The Joint Steering Committee at Kelly Tyler founded the plant scholarship fund in 1987. Through fund raising events and individual donations from employees money was raised to get started. The first Tyler Junior College scholarship, in the amount of \$400, was awarded in 1988. It was named in honor of former Kelly Tyler Industrial Relations Manager, **Frank E. Peycke**.

In 1989, a second \$400 TJC scholarship was awarded. In 1990, with money raised from events such as the Turkey Shoot, Chili Cook-Off and the sale of aluminum cans collected in the plant, three \$500 TJC scholarships were awarded. In 1991 sponsorship of the fund raisers moved to the plant Area Steering Committees. Four TJC scholarships were awarded that year as well as in 1992 and 1993.

In 1994, two new scholarships were added. They were the **James R. Borgerding** Scholarship, awarded at the UT Tyler and KS/USWA 746L Scholarships were added to those at TJC and a \$500 scholarship was awarded at Texas College. The TJC scholarships were increased to \$600, while the Borgerding UT Tyler scholarship increased to \$1000.

In 1996, two more \$600 scholarships were added to those available at TJC; one honoring **Don Steelhammer** and one honoring **W.T. "Dub" Ellis**. Thus, the total number of scholarships at TJC for 1996 was ten, while one was awarded at Trinity Valley Community College and another to the UT Tyler. By this time, all but the UT Tyler scholarship were endowed scholarships. Also, in 1996 the Kelly Tyler- USWA 746L Scholarship Association was created and an elected Board of Directors set out to administer the fund.

In 1997, with money raised by the three fund raisers and individual donations, the Association Board authorized the awarding of sixteen, \$1000 scholarships. Scholarships honoring **Jim Duncan** and **Carl Worley** were created. And, for the first time, at-large scholarships were available for students attending Texas Colleges or Universities other than TJC, TVCC or UT Tyler. As a result, the number of dependent eligible for scholarships doubled.

In 1998, a total of twenty-four \$1000 scholarships were authorized by the Scholarship Board. The Borgerding Scholarship at UT Tyler was endowed and a program to fully endow all ten TJC scholarships to \$1000 was begun. In 1999, another twenty-four \$1000 scholarships were available to the dependents of Kelly Tyler associates, including one in memory of **Curtis Lee**.

In 2000, the Scholarship Association awarded twenty-seven \$1000 scholarships and still was able to increase the endowments at Tyler Junior College. **Jack Atkinson** was added to the honoree list, to acknowledge his role in making the scholarship program at Tyler a reality.

In 2001, the Scholarship Association awarded twenty-five \$1000 scholarships to Kelly Tyler dependents.

In 2002, the Scholarship Association awarded thirty-five \$1000 scholarships. The two scholarships to UT Tyler were increased to \$2000 for that year. The **Jim Clark** Scholarship was added to the list of honorees for his outstanding work in making the scholarship program a success. Also, a KS-USWA Scholarship was given in memory of **James Allred Sr.**

In 2003, the Kelly Tyler Scholarship Association Board awarded a record sixty scholarships. The James R. Borgerding Scholarships was upgrade to "Presidential" status and the amount set at \$1500. A special scholarship was given in 2003, honoring **Pat Cuniff** for her years of work on the Scholarship Board.

In 2004, a total of fifty-five scholarships were awarded. A special scholarship was given in honor of **Brant "Snak" Schnackenberg** for his role in the formative years of the plant scholarship program.

In 2005, a total of fifty-nine Scholarships were awarded. A special award was given in honor of **J. K. Kennedy** for his years of work on the Scholarship Board.

This year, a total of 55 scholarships will be awarded. A special award is being given to honor **Eugene Hulsey** for his years of work with the retirees program (SOAR).

The total number of scholarships awarded since 1987 has now reached 424 while total money raised has exceeded the \$549,000 mark.