XTO Energy Inc. Scholarship for Professional Master’s Degree in Engineering

The XTO Energy Inc. Scholarship for Professional Master’s in Engineering was established by Mr. Herbert Simons to encourage outstanding engineers from Rice to pursue careers in the oil and gas business. The student recipient will be awarded a total of $20,000 in installments of $10,000 per semester.

Eligibility
To be eligible to receive the XTO Energy Inc. Scholarship, a student must:
—Be enrolled as a Rice engineering undergraduate, progressing with good standing toward completion of the Bachelor’s degree,
—Have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher,
—Be accepted to pursue Engineering Professional Master’s Program (EPMP) degree at the George R. Brown School of Engineering, and
—Be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States.

Requirements
To apply, students must submit all of the following:
—A written statement of goals of no more than 250 words. In the statement, the applicant should address professional and personal goals, motivation for pursuing a professional masters degree in the desired program, the impact this scholarship will have in the applicant’s career goals, and the impact his or her experience will have in the oil and gas industry.

—A resume showing work experience and accomplishments to date, including honors, awards, published papers and all other information the Applicant deems material for consideration.

—Two letters of recommendation. At least one of the letters should be from a university professor teaching a subject directly related to the oil and gas industry.

The deadline to apply is January 15, 2016. Submit application materials to Pamela Traylor in the Office of the Dean of Engineering.

Selection and Award Process
A Selection Committee will review the application materials. Each applicant identified as a potential recipient will undergo an interview process.

Application Submission
The application packages must be submitted to the following address:
XTO ENERGY Inc. Scholarship/EPMP
George R. Brown School of Engineering
MS-364
During the application process, applicants may contact the EPMP office at afm@rice.edu

*Application Deadline:*
*January 15, 2016*

*About Herbert Simons*
Mr. Simons received his B.A. in economics from Rice University in 1957 and his JD from Harvard in 1960. While a student at Rice, he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He served as a director of XTO Energy Inc. from 2000 to 2010, when it was acquired by ExxonMobil. Although not an employee of XTO or an engineer, he felt strongly about producing more Rice engineers in the oil and gas field.

In April 2007 he retired as an attorney specializing in federal income tax law. He was of counsel with the law firm Winstead Sechrest & Pinick PC in Houston from 1999 until his retirement. Prior to that, he was a partner in the law firm of Butler & Binion from 1972 through 1999.

Mr. Simons served as a member of the Rice University Accounting Council from 1981 until 1996 and is a certified public accountant.