



## WILLMAR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

*"Willmar Municipal Utilities will provide safe, reliable & quality utility services at competitive rates for their customers."*

Willmar Municipal Utilities (WMU) is pleased to offer a scholarship opportunity to 2020 graduating seniors who plan to enter into post-secondary education. As in the past, there will be two winners selected. The first place award is \$750 and the second place award is \$250.

To apply, students should complete the attached Entry Form and include an essay that is 500-750 words, typed and double-spaced. The theme for the essay is "Municipal utilities: good for all of us." The selected first place winner will have their essay forwarded to Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) for the opportunity to win additional scholarship dollars. MMUA will award the top four essay winners the following: \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500.

### Additional information:

- The student or their parent/legal guardian must be a customer of WMU
- Immediate relatives (children/grandchildren) of WMU staff are ineligible
- Resources for the essay include:
  - <https://www.mmua.org/services/tom-bovitz-memorial-scholarship-program>
  - [www.wmu.willmar.mn.us](http://www.wmu.willmar.mn.us)
  - <https://mn.gov/puc/>

*The deadline for entering is **4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2020**. WMU will notify the winners by Friday, April 3, 2020. Entries may be submitted in one of the following manners:*

- *U.S. Mail:*
  - Scholarship Award Program*
  - Willmar Municipal Utilities*
  - Attn: Michelle Marotzke*
  - PO Box 937*
  - Willmar, MN 56201*
- *Dropped off at our office*
  - *700 SW Litchfield Ave, Willmar*
- *Emailed to [mmarotzke@wmu.willmar.mn.us](mailto:mmarotzke@wmu.willmar.mn.us)*
  - *A confirmation email will be returned*

MMUA will announce their winners in mid-May. Awards will be payable upon receipt of a copy of the student's fee statement from an accredited post-secondary educational institution.



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Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association

## **Guidelines: 2020 MMUA ‘Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarship Award’**

### ***Purposes***

- To give something back to the community.
- To increase awareness of public power.

### ***Prizes***

The scholarship fund is split into \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500 scholarships, and awarded to essay contest winners who plan to attend a post-secondary educational institution.

### ***Guidelines for submission***

Because decisions by judges and disqualifications according to the guidelines are final, entrants should read and follow these guidelines closely:

- Entries are to interpret one or more aspects of the theme, “Municipal utilities: good for all of us.” This applies to municipal electric and natural gas utilities. Judges will look particularly for originality and the relevance of the theme to the writer and his/her city.
- High school seniors are eligible. Those eligible must be, or have as a legal guardian, a customer of an MMUA-member municipal electric or gas utility.
- Essays are to be original and from 500 to 750 words, typed and double-spaced.
- All essays should include a cover page, with the writer’s name and address.
- Deadline for submitting essays to MMUA is **April 15, 2020**. Entries shall be submitted to the governing body of the municipal utility. (The local governing body may appoint a separate individual or group to judge entries.) The local governing body will send the winning essay to MMUA for entry into the statewide contest. A committee of MMUA members will select the winners, with an announcement by mid-May.
- An independent person or body may be designated to select the winner of the local essay. If there is an independent body selecting the winner and they do not know who wrote which essay, relatives of utility personnel are eligible to enter the contest.

### ***Resource Materials***

Your local utility is the best resource for information and printed materials. You may also want to visit [www.mmua.org](http://www.mmua.org) and [www.publicpower.org](http://www.publicpower.org)

### ***Payment***

Scholarship money will be payable upon receipt of fee statement copy from an accredited post-secondary educational institution. The award check will be made payable to the contest winner and the post-secondary institution. If the contest winner does not attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution within two years, the money will revert to a trust fund and become available to future contest winners.



Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association

## Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarship Entry Form

### Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA)

- Deadline to MMUA: April 15, 2020
- Deadline to local municipal utility: **4:00 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2020**
- **Amount: \$2,000 first place    \$1,500 second    \$1,000 third    \$500 fourth place**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' names: \_\_\_\_\_

Utility name: **Willmar Municipal Utilities**

Utility contact person: **Michelle Marotzke**

Utility contact email: **mmarotzke@wmu.willmar.mn.us**

Attach a 500 to 750 word, typed, double spaced essay on the theme “Municipal Utilities: Good for All of Us.” This applies to municipal electric and natural gas utilities.

This form should be used with all local winner submittals from the local municipal utility to MMUA, and may be used by the school for entries to the local utility or decision-making entity. Check with your local utility for local submission details. For more information, see scholarship program ‘Guidelines.’

MMUA members submitting a winning essay may transmit the document as a .pdf file via email to [sdowner@mmua.org](mailto:sdowner@mmua.org)

	Exceeds Expectations 3 points	Meets Expectations 2 points	Does not meet Expectations 1 point
Topic Relevance	Essay applies to the theme: <i>“Municipal Utilities: Good for All of Us”</i> and includes specific examples.	Essay generally applies to the theme: <i>“Municipal Utilities: Good for All of Us”</i> but is vague to the connection.	Essay does not apply to the theme: <i>“Municipal Utilities: Good for All of Us”</i> .
Essay Written Presentation	Essay is well-written for the grade level using proper grammar and punctuation as well as relevant and appropriate citations and/or references.	Essay is well-written overall for the grade level but contains a few typographical errors or missing citations and/or references.	Essay is not written at expected grade level and contains many typographical errors with no citations or references mentioned.
Essay Requirements	Essay meets 500-750 word requirement and includes a cover page.	Essay meets 500-750 word requirement but cover page is missing or incomplete.	Essay is over/under 500-750 word requirement and may or may not include a cover page.

Notes:

- Applicant must be a 2020 graduate of a Willmar High School.
- Applicant must be or have a parent/legal guardian that is a Willmar Municipal Utilities (WMU) customer at the time of application.
- Deadline for submittal of the scholarship application is **Friday, March 13, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.** (WMU Office).
- Immediate relatives (i.e. children/grandchildren) of WMU staff are ineligible to participate.