

## 2025 Scholarship Information

Willmar Municipal Utilities will select three essay contestants to receive \$1000 scholarships in 2025. One winner will be chosen and submitted to Minnesota Municipal Utility Association's Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarship Program for a chance to win additional scholarship dollars.

### Guidelines

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

- Write an original, 500 to 750 word, typed, double spaced essay reflecting on one or more of the following prompts:
  - What is the benefit of a city maintaining local control of its utilities?
  - How does your hometown provide reliable, sustainable, and affordable utility service?
  - How does your municipal utility make life easier for its customers?
- Judges will look particularly for originality and the relevance of the prompts to the writer and his/her city.
- High school seniors are eligible. Those eligible must be, or have as a legal guardian, a current customer of Willmar Municipal Utilities. Children or Grandchildren of current employees are not eligible.
- All essays should include a cover page, with the writer's name and address, as well as an application form.
- **Entries shall be submitted to WMU by 4:00 p.m., March 21st, 2025.** A committee at WMU will select and notify scholarship recipients, in April, 2025.

### Resource Material

Valuable resources on this topic can be found at our website ([www.wmu.willmar.mn.us](http://www.wmu.willmar.mn.us)), as well as Minnesota Municipal Utility Association ([www.mmua.org](http://www.mmua.org)) and the American Public Power Association ([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.

## WMU Scholarship Entry Form

Three (3) \$1000 Scholarships will be awarded.

Of the three winners, one will be chosen and submitted to MMUA's Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarship for a chance at additional scholarship dollars.

### Student Information

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

Legal Guardian name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Utility Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit form to Willmar Municipal Utilities along with cover page and essay.

**Deadline: 4:00p.m., March 21, 2025.**

Applications may be submitted one of the following ways:

U.S. Mail:

*Willmar Municipal Utilities  
Scholarship Award Program  
PO Box 937  
Willmar, MN 56201*

Drop off at office location:

*700 SW Litchfield Ave,  
Willmar, MN 56201*

Email: [energyservices@wmu.willmar.mn.us](mailto:energyservices@wmu.willmar.mn.us)

For questions or additional information, please contact

[energyservices@wmu.willmar.mn.us](mailto:energyservices@wmu.willmar.mn.us).