



Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association

Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarship Program

MMUA has budgeted \$5,000 for its Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarship Award program. This program was created as a public relations tool to increase the awareness of the impact of hometown utilities and create goodwill in your city for your utility. Our fund is split into four prizes and awarded to essay contest winners who plan to attend a post-secondary educational institution.

Please share this letter, along with the guidelines sheet and the entry form, with guidance counselors at your local high schools, both public and private.

Details

Students can submit a 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?

The local governing body of the utility picks a local winner. Every MMUA member may then enter the one local essay contest winner to the state contest. **The deadline for having utilities forward local winners to MMUA is April 20, 2023.** Local deadlines will need to be set earlier, to allow the local governing board (or its designee) time to review the entries.

Many members award their own scholarships locally to encourage participation. A group of MMUA members will select the first, second, third and fourth place winners statewide. MMUA will announce the winners by mid-May.

Students can find resource materials at www.mmua.org, the American Public Power Association website, and often from the local utility.

Please call Christian Glanville at 763-746-0727 if you have any questions.