



# *Public Utilities Commission*

**City of New Ulm**

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Dear High School Counselors:

Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) is once again offering the Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarship Award program. This statewide essay contest will award a total of \$5,000 in scholarships, split four ways: \$2,000 for first place, \$1,500 for second place, \$1,000 for third place and \$500 for fourth place. In addition to potential MMUA prizes, New Ulm Public Utilities will award a \$500 prize to one winning local submission.

The essay contest is open to current high school seniors who plan to attend a post-secondary educational institution. Students must be, or have as a legal guardian, a current customer of New Ulm Public Utilities. Scholarship guidelines and an entry form are enclosed.

**The deadline for submitting essays to New Ulm Public Utilities is April 2, 2018.** New Ulm Public Utilities will make the initial selection of the winning local essay and then enter this essay into the state contest prior to the deadline of April 16, 2018. A committee of MMUA staff and members will select the winners. MMUA plans to announce the winners in May.

Students should submit their essay to:

**MMUA Tom Bovitz Scholarship  
New Ulm Public Utilities  
310 1st North St.  
New Ulm, MN 56073**

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. On behalf of New Ulm Public Utilities and MMUA, I thank you for making this scholarship opportunity known to your students and staff.

Sincerely,

Derek Nelson

Enclosures (2): Program Guidelines, Entry Form





## **Guidelines: 2018 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. In addition, New Ulm Public Utilities will award a prize of \$500 to the local submission winner.

### ***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 **New Ulm Public Utilities** is **April 2, 2018**. 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. The New Ulm Public Utilities payment will be awarded after submission to MMUA and paid to the contest winner by check.





## Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarship Entry Form

### Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA)

- Deadline to New Ulm Public Utilities: April 2, 2018
- Deadline to MMUA: April 16, 2018
- New Ulm Public Utilities Local Submission Award: \$500
- MMUA Awards:
 

<b>\$2,000 first place</b>	<b>\$1,500 second place</b>	<b>\$1,000 third place</b>	<b>\$500 fourth place</b>
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of school: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Utility name: New Ulm Public Utilities

Utility contact person: Derek Nelson, Energy Services Representative

Utility contact email: DerekN@newulmmn.gov

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.'

