



# *Public Utilities Commission*

City of New Ulm

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Dear High School Principals,

Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association's (MMUA) scholarship program was created as a public relations tool to increase the awareness of public power and create goodwill in the local community. The program provides high school seniors the opportunity to earn a scholarship by writing a short essay on the benefits of public power. Annually, four scholarships are awarded to essay contest winners who plan to attend a post-secondary educational institution: (1) \$2,000 for first place; (2) \$1,500 for second place; (3) \$1,000 for third place; and (4) \$500 for fourth place.

Since 2016, the New Ulm Public Utilities Commission has awarded \$500 to a student for the local winning essay submission. The deadline for essays to be submitted to New Ulm Public Utilities is **April 2, 2019**. The Utilities Director and Energy Services Representative will review the submitted entries, select one local winning essay and send it on to the MMUA statewide contest prior to the deadline of April 16, 2019. Students submitting essays should have parents or guardians that are customers of the New Ulm Public Utilities.

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



**Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association**

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[www.mmua.org](http://www.mmua.org)

## **Guidelines: 2019 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 16, 2019**. 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.



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## Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarship Entry Form

### Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA)

- Deadline to MMUA: April 16, 2019
- Deadline to local municipal utility: April 2, 2019 (check with utility).
- Amount: \$2,000 first place    \$1,500 second    \$1,000 third    \$500 fourth place

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Utility name: \_\_\_\_\_

Utility contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Utility contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

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).