



Guidelines: 2021 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, 2021**. 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 and 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.

Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarship Entry Form

Elk River Municipal Utilities (ERMU) in conjunction with Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association

- **Deadline to Elk River Municipal Utilities: March 31, 2021**
\$500 for first place
- **Deadline to MMUA: April 15, 2021**
The winning essay at ERMU is passed on to MMUA for their judging and could win:
\$2,000 for first place; \$1,500 for second place; \$1,000 for third place; \$500 for fourth place

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name(s): _____

Please attach an original 500 to 750 word typed, double spaced essay on the theme: "Municipal Utilities, Good for All of Us." This form, along with the essay, can be mailed to our office at 13069 Orono Parkway, PO Box 430, Elk River, faxed to 763.441.8099, or e-mailed to tmauren@ermumn.com by March 31, 2021. The winner will be notified on April 9, 2021 and the application will be forwarded on to MMUA to potentially win another award.

If there are any further questions, please contact the office at 763.441.2020 or email our Communications & Administrative Coordinator at tmauren@ermumn.com