



Guidelines: 2023 MMUA Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarship Award

Prompt

Write 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?

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:

- 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 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 RPU is March 31, 2023.** 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.

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.