

# Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarship Entry Form

## Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA)

- **Deadline to Rochester Public Utilities: March, 27, 2020**
- **Amount: \$2,000 first place    \$1,500 second    \$1,000 third    \$500 fourth place**

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

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

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

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

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

Utility contact person: Tony Benson

Utility contact email: [tbenson@rpu.org](mailto:tbenson@rpu.org)

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.'

### **Guidelines: 2020 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, 2020**. 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. **Do not solely rely on the website and information from the internet. Local resources and interviews will provide you with more detailed information on your utility background, operations, and goals.** Contact Tony Benson at RPU 507.280.1534 as a resource if needed. 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.