



Guidelines: 2022 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 SPU, an MMUA-member municipal electric 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 SPU is **March 25, 2022**. Entries shall be submitted to the SPU contact on the entry form via USPS Mail or email, but must be received by 3/25/22 to be considered. SPU is not responsible for lost or delayed mail; or bounceback or rejected emails.
- The Commission will blind judge the entries and the winning submission will be sent to MMUA for entry into the statewide contest. A committee of MMUA members will select the scholarship winners with an announcement by mid-May.
- Because there is an independent body selecting the winner and judges 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.