Illinois Municipal Utilities Association & the City/Village of _____ 2018 Scholarship Program Application

Student's Name: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Village: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail Address:** _____

Utility Account Number: _____

Utility Billing Address: _____

High School: _____

Educational Institution you plan to attend: _____

Please list any extracurricular activities or awards (use separate sheet of paper if needed):

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Please attach a copy of transcripts and completed essay of 500 words or less and mail to:

Illinois Municipal Utilities Association
Attention: Scholarship Committee
3400 Conifer Drive
Springfield, IL 62711
Postmark by Friday, March 9, 2018

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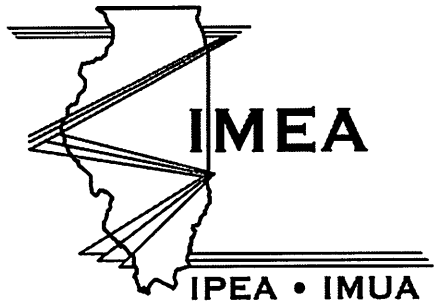

IMUA 2018 Scholarship Program Student Guidelines

Program Purposes: To promote and recognize scholastic achievement and to demonstrate the advantages of, and the issues faced by, municipally-owned and operated utilities.

Eligibility and Guidelines: Only high school seniors whose parents or legal guardians are residential customers of an IMUA member utility may submit written essays to win a $500 scholarship.

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1. Students must complete the enclosed application and submit, along with a photocopy of their transcripts, an essay of 500 words or less, typewritten and double-spaced, with the following information included on the cover:

    - Student's first and last name, home address, phone number and e-mail address.

2. Essay should **NOT** mention the student's hometown or hometown utility by name.

3. Sources of information regarding municipal utilities and utility-related issues can be found in the reference section of your library, periodicals, the Internet or individuals employed by your local municipal utility. Search phrases might include*: municipal utility; local ownership; municipalization; public power; public gas system; utility deregulation; Public Utility Holding Company Act (PUHCA); public interest; and, municipal utility rates.* There are many other sources as well. The following websites and sources may also be useful obtaining information helpful in writing your essay:
    - American Public Power Association (www.publicpower.org)
    - American Public Gas Association (www.apga.org)
    - Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (www.imea.org)
    - Illinois Municipal Utilities Association (www.imea.org, then click on the "IMUA link)
    - Illinois Public Energy Agency (www.imea.org, then click on the "IPEA link)
    - Energy Information Administration (www.eia.gov)
    - Your local municipal utility superintendent
    - American Water Works Association (AWWA) (www.awwa.org)
    - Illinois Rural Water Association (IRLWA) (www.ilrwa)

4. Essays **MUST** address your choice of any one of the following three (3) issues/questions:

Question 1

What do you envision our country's energy supply mix to look like in 30 years, and why?

Question 2

Let's assume you are now responsible for managing your family's energy usage and costs. What, if any, changes would you make to your home (ie., household), what would they be, and why?

Question 3

Solar energy is rapidly becoming more popular and cost-effective among consumers of all classes, residential, commercial and industrial? Do you think it's possible for the U.S. to become dependent upon solar energy to meet all its energy needs? If so, why? If no, why not? (please explain).

5. The deadline for submitting written essays is **Friday, March 9, 2018.** Please send your essay, transcripts and completed application to the address listed on the bottom of the application.

6. A total of **four (4) finalists** will be chosen by the IMUA Scholarship Committee. Each finalist will receive a finalist certificate and a $500 award from IMUA. **Winners will be announced sometime in April.**

GOOD LUCK!