



# MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIPS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) is awarding \$1,000 scholarships to up to six juniors currently attending a Minnesota public, private, or parochial high school or a home study program that plan to further their education at a college, university, or vocational school.

Applicants must complete an application form and submit it along with a written essay discussing this year's topic, which concerns the theme of MAT's 2018 Educational Conference: *Powering Our Future- Energy to Build on in Your Township*. The question is:

**New energy developments are everywhere. Wind and solar farms dot the landscape. Transmission lines and pipelines traverse the countryside. Township officials are on the front line needing to respond to residents' concerns of placement of energy projects and possible adverse health and safety issues. How can townships balance the required needs of residents for safe, reliable energy sources while responding to the health, safety, economic, and environmental concerns of their community?**

**Essays must be between 450 and 500 words, typed and double spaced.**

- Applicants should not name themselves, their school, their town or city, or their local officials in or on the essay.
- Each essay will be judged by an independent panel based upon originality, knowledge of subject matter in relationship conference theme, and supporting statements, as well as correct spelling and punctuation.
- Applicants must be a high school junior to apply.

**Along with the completed application and written essay, students must submit:**

- A current high school transcript
- A letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or counselor
- All items must be submitted in one envelope **postmarked by May 1, 2018**, and mailed to:  
**Minnesota Association of Townships Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 267, St. Michael, MN 55376**,  
Incomplete applications or applications postmarked after May 1 will not be accepted.

#### Research Tips:

- Visit our website, [www.mntownships.org](http://www.mntownships.org)
- Ask a township officer
- If you do research on the web or in your local library – be sure to look for 'Minnesota (or MN) townships' so you are finding relevant information.
- Do not identify yourself, township, city, school or persons in your paper.
- View the MAT DVD 'Foundation of Democracy' (you or your school counselor can call us and get one)

Winners will be notified in writing by **October 1, 2018** and will be invited to attend the MAT annual banquet on November 16, 2018 in Duluth, MN. Scholarship awards will be paid to the appropriate financial aid office upon receipt of verification of enrollment at a college, university, or technical school.

#### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Home telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in a Township? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, Township Name \_\_\_\_\_

High School Presently Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's names \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies or activities of interest \_\_\_\_\_

Future goals \_\_\_\_\_

Any other comments you care to make about yourself? \_\_\_\_\_