



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 2019 Educational Conference: The Sense Of The Census: Rural Representation At Risk. The question is:

The 2020 Census is fast approaching. Census data is used for a variety of issues, but it must be used to determine the size of congressional and state legislative districts to ensure "one person, one vote." Over time, there has been a population shift from rural to urban centers. This shift has implications for transportation funding, land use planning, and education resources in townships. **What policies can be adopted that will encourage economic development in rural communities ensuring robust representation at all levels of government?**

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, 2019**, 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
- 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, 2019** and will be invited to attend the MAT annual banquet on November 22, 2019 in Mankato, 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? _____
