



MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIPS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) is awarding \$2,000 scholarships to up to five 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 2020 Educational Conference: *Township Day*. The question is:

The second Tuesday in March is Township Day. Every year each township holds their Annual Meeting. This meeting is often described as the 'people's meeting.' There are rights and authorities given to the electors at that meeting, but those rights and authorities are limited: **So, if you were an elector, how would you proceed with getting an action to happen and which one or more of the rights and authorities would you use and why?**

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, 2020**, 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 about annual meeting
- References: MN Statute §365.10; MN Statute §366
- 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.
- 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, 2020** and will be invited to attend the MAT annual banquet on November 20, 2020 in St. Cloud, 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 _____

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? _____