



# 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 using critical thinking discussing this year's topic on land use. The questions are:

"Townships have a role in land use decisions including in part, agriculture, industry, housing, and landfills. As solar panels and wind turbine blades age, the industry faces challenges for end of life destination other than landfills. Increased promotion for solar panels and wind turbines has increased the need for 'decommissioning' policy requirements. **Questions: What are the environmental impacts that affect townships? What are your thoughts as to the sustainable solutions being considered to address this issue?"**

**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, 2021**, 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.

Winners will be notified in writing by **September 1, 2021** and will be invited to attend the MAT annual conference in September 2021 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? \_\_\_\_\_

### Research Tips:

- Visit our website, [www.mntownships.org](http://www.mntownships.org)
- Ask a township officer about land use
- References: MN Statute Chapter 462 may be helpful to review
- 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)