



## IMUA 2012 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:***

1. High school seniors whose parents or legal guardians are residential consumers of an IMUA member utility may submit written essays to win a \$500 scholarship.
2. Students must complete the attached application (page 3) and submit, along with a copy 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.
3. Essay should **NOT** mention the student's hometown or hometown utility by name.
4. 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 may also contain information helpful in writing your essay:
  - American Public Power Association ([www.publicpower.org](http://www.publicpower.org))
  - American Public Gas Association ([www.apga.org](http://www.apga.org))
  - Illinois Municipal Electric Agency ([www.imea.org](http://www.imea.org))
  - Illinois Municipal Utilities Association ([www.imea.org](http://www.imea.org), then click on the "IMUA link")
  - Illinois Public Energy Agency ([www.imea.org](http://www.imea.org), then click on the "IPEA link")
5. Essays **MUST** address your choice of any one of the following three (3) issues/questions (next page):



## 2012 IMUA Scholarship Program Essay Questions

1) Q. Electric - \*Electric-powered vehicles are gaining popularity among consumers as an alternative to gasoline-fueled vehicles. Despite that growing popularity, gasoline-fueled vehicles still hold a number of advantages over electric-powered cars. Given that, what can be done to encourage greater use of electric-powered vehicles among consumers? What impact do you see their use having on our state, local and national economies? What particular challenges do you do they pose for the electric distribution systems of local municipalities, and why?

\*Note: Includes Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs), Extended Range Electric Vehicles (EREVs) and Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs).

2) Q. Natural Gas - Shale gas holds great promise as an alternate form of energy to help supplement America's overall energy needs, both now and in the future. However, a number of environmental concerns pose a challenge to the further development of shale gas reserves, including a process known as hydraulic fracturing. In light of that, what can be done to help alleviate these concerns so that the development of shale gas can continue? What impact do you see shale gas having on America's overall energy picture, and why?

3) Q. Water – Water remains a precious and often scarce resource throughout certain regions of our country and even around the globe, with a very real danger of it running low on supply in some areas in the not-too-distant future. Given that, what can be done to ensure that adequate supplies of water will continue to be available to those who need it? What technologies, methods and practices do you see as being instrumental in helping accomplish that goal? Should water be regulated as a commodity in those areas where its scarcity is prevalent, and why or why not?

6. The deadline for submitting written essays is **Friday, March 9, 2012**. Please send your essay, transcripts and completed application to the address listed on the bottom of the application.
7. 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!

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# Illinois Municipal Utilities Association & City Water, Light & Power 2012 Scholarship Program Application



Your 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, 2012

