



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 Promoting Township Government. The question is:

Fire protection is an important part of public safety that is provided by townships all across Minnesota. There are different ways that fire protection can be provided. **What are the different ways fire protection is provided by townships? How is the cost of fire protection funded by a township and at what meeting is the extent of that cost approved? What challenges are faced by rural fire departments in providing fire protection?**

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, 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 June 1, 2025, and mailed to:
Minnesota Association of Townships Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 267, St. Michael, MN 55376,
Incomplete applications or applications postmarked after June 1st, 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.

Winners will be notified in writing in September 2025 and will be invited to attend the MAT annual conference in December 2025 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? _____
