



Wisconsin Towns Association

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MEMO TO: High School Educators, WTA County Unit Chairpersons, and County CNRED Educators
FROM: Mike Koles, Executive Director
RE: Wisconsin Towns Association 2017 Scholarship Program
DATE: January 31, 2017

The Wisconsin Towns Association, Rural Mutual Insurance Company, and Scott Construction, Inc. will be awarding \$7,000 in scholarships to high school seniors graduating in 2017 from either a public or private high school in Wisconsin that plan to enroll in a Wisconsin public or private college or vocational college. The winners are determined by independent judging of an essay contest. **The essay should address the topic: "A federal republic form of government: What is it? Why does it work? Do we still have one? Why are town governments critical to its success?"** The enclosed brochure provides additional necessary details. Students do not need to be residents of towns. Essays must be postmarked by **May 30, 2017**.

Thank you in advance for your help promoting the program!

**2017 Wisconsin Towns Association
Scholarship Program
Background Information**

Name:	
Telephone:	
Mail Address:	
City/State/ Zip:	
Email:	
Residence Town/Village/City of:	
Residence County of:	
Parents' Names:	Father:
	Mother:
Is either parent a town or village officer?	Yes: _____ No: _____ If "yes" specify office held:
Name of High School from which you are graduating in 2017?	
School or institution of higher education you plan to attend after Graduation?	
Date of intended enrollment?	
Career you plan to pursue?	
Hobbies or activities in high school of interest to you?	
Your signature:	
Date:	

Mail this completed form and your essay to the following address by May 30, 2017

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WISCONSIN TOWNS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The annual Wisconsin Towns Association Scholarship program is looking for your essay addressing the topic:

“A federal republic form of government: What is it? Why does it work? Do we still have one? Why are town governments critical to its success?”

Your thoughts — combined with your writing skill and creativity — can put you in line to receive one of seven scholarships.

Rural Mutual Insurance Company, Wisconsin Towns Association, and Scott Construction, Inc. are again offering the following scholarships to winners of an essay contest. Scholarships will be awarded on the following basis:

- Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded, one each to the highest ranking boy and highest ranking girl from a town or village insured by Rural Mutual Insurance Company as of May 1, 2017.
- Four (4) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded, one each to two boys and two girls.



- One (1) \$1,000 scholarship to either a boy or a girl who has the highest ranking below the previous four scholarships.

All applicants must be graduating from a Wisconsin public or private high school in 2017 and plan to attend a Wisconsin public or private college or vocational technical institute in 2017.

The two \$1,000 winners may be among the five other scholarship winners. All winners will be determined by an independent panel of judges.

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

1. Entrants must prepare an essay addressing the following topic:

“A federal republic form of government: What is it? Why does it work? Do we still have one? Why are town governments critical to its success?”

2. The typed (not handwritten) essay should be between 500 and 1,000 words and double spaced.
3. The completed essay should be postmarked no later than May 29, 2017 and mailed to:
Wisconsin Towns Association
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Shawano, WI 54166-6086
4. Essays must include a bibliographic listing of sources used.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Essays will be judged independently on originality and subject matter in relationship to the topic. The essays must also contain correct spelling, grammar and punctuation.

- Judging will be completed by August 14, 2017.

- Recipients will be announced by August 14, 2017. Successful recipients are encouraged to attend the 2017 Wisconsin Towns Association Convention Banquet on Monday, October 9, 2017 at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Stevens Point, WI. Proof of enrollment in a college or institute of higher education will be required to receive a scholarship.

Those are the rules. Now, on your mark, get set, WRITE!

