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TO: Minnesota's Public and Private High Schools
FROM: Gary Pedersen, Executive Director
RE: **Minnesota Association of Townships Scholarship Program**

The Minnesota Association of Township (MAT) is proud to announce its 2018 Scholarship Program, which awards up to six \$1,000 scholarships to high school juniors. All students currently enrolled in the 11th grade and attending a Minnesota public, private, or parochial high school or a home study program are eligible for this program. Participants will submit a written essay on the theme of MAT's 2018 Educational Conference "Powering our Future: Energy to Build on in Your Township." Applications for the scholarships must be submitted by **May 1, 2018**. Winners will be chosen and notified by **October 1** and invited to attend our Awards Banquet in Duluth, Minnesota on November 16, 2018.

MAT is a nonprofit corporation representing Minnesota townships and its 9,000 plus officers. Townships embody the values of "grassroots government." MAT's specific purposes are educational and charitable: educating the public about the heritage and future of township government and its role in state government; and providing townships and their officers with a single, unified voice, as well as access to educational programs and research-based materials to help foster the delivery of efficient, effective, and economical township government.

Please contact our office if you would like more information on MAT. Our office can also arrange for an elected township official or one of our board of directors to come to your school and make a presentation on township government.

Please take a few minutes to read the enclosed application requirements and become familiar with our scholarship program. We have enclosed two applications and a poster, however if you need additional copies, please photocopy as many as you need, visit our website, www.mntownships.org, If you have any questions, please call our office and a member of our staff will readily assist you, call our office 1-800-228-0296.

Please Note: This will be the only mailing your school will receive regarding this scholarship program. Please notify your career counselors and 11th grade instructors and students of this program.

A news release is sent to MN daily and weekly papers the first week of December and we send a release to the known home school newsletters.

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MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIPS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) is awarding \$1,000 scholarships to up to six 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 2018 Educational Conference: *Powering Our Future- Energy to Build on in Your Township*. The question is:

New energy developments are everywhere. Wind and solar farms dot the landscape. Transmission lines and pipelines traverse the countryside. Township officials are on the front line needing to respond to residents' concerns of placement of energy projects and possible adverse health and safety issues. How can townships balance the required needs of residents for safe, reliable energy sources while responding to the health, safety, economic, and environmental concerns of their community?

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, 2018**, 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 **October 1, 2018** and will be invited to attend the MAT annual banquet on November 16, 2018 in Duluth, 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 (optional) _____

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
- 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.
- Do not identify yourself, township, city, school or persons in your paper.
- View the MAT DVD 'Foundation of Democracy' (you or your school counselor can call us and get one)

Juniors Win a \$1,000 Scholarship

This year's topic is on
**Powering Our Future
Energy to Build on in Your
Township**

Contact your
counselor or
advisor
for details

*From the Minnesota Association
of Townships Scholarship
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or application online at www.mntownships.org

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