



# LYLE B. WRIGHT 2018 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**Scholarship nomination forms are not distributed to schools.** They are only distributed to AMP member municipal electric utilities and must be signed by a member municipal utility official. Scholarship nomination forms must be submitted to AMP by municipal utilities **on or before Dec. 8, 2017.**

## PURPOSE

To establish an educational program encouraging high school students in AMP member communities to further their education, and to create an awareness of careers in the municipal electric utility field.

## AWARDS

There are up to four, one-time scholarship awards of \$2,500 each.

## RULES AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following provisions will govern the acceptance of an applicant:

1. Applicant must be a student whose household receives electricity from an AMP member community.
2. A student is not eligible if they or an immediate family member or guardian (child or ward) is an employee of AMP or an AMP member municipal electric system (see below).
  - (a) For the purposes of this scholarship, an employee of an AMP member municipal electric system is defined as someone on the municipal electric system's payroll, or an employee or elected official who is in a position with the municipality to which the municipal electric system is subordinate.
3. Applicant must be a graduating senior who has met all of the basic requirements for college or technical school entrance and has a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale.
4. Prior to receiving an AMP scholarship check, scholarship recipients must offer proof of enrollment in an accredited college, university or technical school for the next fall semester or quarter, unless an extension of time is granted. A time extension will be granted only if "just cause" is determined. (In the event that a student is unable to fulfill his or her enrollment obligations under this program, the award is forfeited and may be reassigned to another nominee by the AMP President.)

A check for the award will be written jointly to the recipient and the post-secondary school, or as circumstances dictate.

5. Completed nomination forms (distributed to the principal contact in member municipal electric systems) must be received via email, fax or mail **on or before Dec. 8, 2017.**
6. A high school transcript, showing the nominee's cumulative grade-point average on a 4.0 scale for six semesters, must be received via email, fax or mail **on or before Feb. 16, 2018.**
7. There shall be no more than one Wright nominee per AMP member.

## JUDGING

In late December, each scholarship nominee will receive a packet of information from AMP. Nominees will be required to fill out a personal achievement form, take a public power test and submit their transcript. The personal achievement form, test and transcript must be **submitted by Feb. 16, 2018** or the nominee will be disqualified. Nominees will be asked to visit their municipal utility to take the test on public power. Scholarship recipients will be determined in March by the AMP Board of Trustees, based on recommendations.

# LYLE B. WRIGHT

Lyle B. Wright was a strong public power advocate on both state and local levels.

Wright began his career in public power in 1955 as the business manager of Bowling Green Municipal Utilities, eventually becoming the city's director of utilities. His accomplishments in Bowling Green include directing development of a \$26 million wastewater treatment facility, working on a multimillion dollar sewer improvement plan and directing construction of two 1.5-million-gallon water towers.

Wright also was active in Ohio's statewide public power organizations. He served on the boards of both American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) and the Ohio Municipal Electric Association (OMEA). AMP is the non-profit wholesale power supplier and services provider for 135 member municipal electric systems in the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia, Indiana, Maryland and Delaware. Combined these public utilities serve more than 650,000 customers. The OMEA, which was AMP's predecessor, now serves as AMP's legislative liaison.

Wright was a member of the OMEA and AMP boards from 1979 to 1986, serving as president of the OMEA board from 1981 to 1982. He became secretary of the AMP board in 1983 and served in that position until his death in 1986. Wright was chairman of AMP's policy committee and of the rate group representing public power communities in the Toledo Edison service area. In 1983, he received AMP's Distinguished Service Award.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Wright was devoted to his wife, six children, 11 grandchildren and his faith. He was a longtime member of Bowling Green's St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Wright also volunteered his time to the Boy Scouts, Masonic Order, Kiwanis, American Heart Association and numerous professional organizations.

Wright's death in December 1986 had a strong impact on his family, his community and other public power communities across the state. In 1987, the AMP board voted to pay him tribute by establishing the Lyle B. Wright Scholarship.