

**Wisconsin Towns Association – Winnebago County Unit
Scholarship Program**

The **Wisconsin Towns Association – Winnebago County Unit Scholarship Program** is offered to all high school seniors who reside in towns of Winnebago County and plan to attend a post-secondary educational institution. The Scholarship Program was developed to promote awareness and an understanding of town government. Up to two \$500.00 scholar-ships will be awarded in 2018. Scholarship recipients will be selected based on meeting eligibility requirements and the quality of the essay as outlined on the critique sheet.

Scholarship applicants must complete and submit an application form and write a 500 word essay addressing the stated topic

Scholarship recipients will receive the first installment of \$250 at a WTA-WCU meeting Award Presentation in the summer of 2018. The second installment of \$250 will be awarded upon submission of a 2.5 GPA report to the WTA-WCU Clerk's Secretary/treasurer office at the conclusion of their first semester of post-secondary higher education.

Information and application forms are available on the Fox River Scholarship Center website or from your Town Clerk. Please check your Town's website for information, application, and essay critique sheets. Winners will receive a certificate for Awards night at their respective schools. The scholarship funds will be provided as a check payable to the student and the post-secondary facility of their choice.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

1. The scholarship program is open to all high school seniors who reside in a Town in Winnebago County.
2. Student plans to attend a post-secondary educational institution.
3. Evidence of application and/or acceptance at a post-secondary educational entity

4. Essays must be up to 500 words, written by the applicant and address the topic:

The Governor signed 2017 Wisconsin Act 59 also known as 2017 Assembly Bill 64 (2017-2019 Wisconsin State Budget), into law on September 21, 2017. With the signing of Act 59, over 98 provisions were partially vetoed. These provisions have been returned to the house in which the bill originated for their reconsideration. Your essay will be based on the information you receive by contacting your Town's State Senator or Representative to find out how this budget benefits your Town and what provision has the most negative impact on your Town.

5. All essays must be typed with Arial 11 font, 1" margins and double spaced. The essay word count must be on the bottom of the last page.

6. Verification from parent/guardian, teacher or school principal attesting that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the essay was written unaided (except for use of appropriate research and reference materials).

7. Entries must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, January 2, 2018, and sent to Winnebago Towns Association, Scholarship Committee, 380 E Black Wolf Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54902

8. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Winners will be determined no later than February 15, 2018 and will be notified by phone or mail.

Scholarship winners and related information will be shared with local media.

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	Essay Reviewer Critique Sheet			
How well did the applicant.....	1-2 points	3-6 points	7-10 points	Score
Understand the Essay Question	Indicates little understanding of the essay question.	Provides a moderate understanding of the essay question.	Thorough understanding of the essay question. Includes detailed supporting statements and examples.	
Includes relevant facts, examples and details	Key facts are missing from the essay and these omissions interfere with the reader's understanding.	Many important facts are provided in the essay	The essay includes needed detail information. The facts provided improve the reader's understanding of the writer's answer to the essay question.	
Develop the essay	The essay is missing important information or the essay lacks organization and is therefore difficult to understand.	The essay is organized. There are no examples provided and lacks to clarify the point being made.	The essay is written clearly and is easy to follow. The plan of organization is well developed. The writing is interesting and holds the reader's attention.	
Use correct punctuation, grammar, and spelling	There are more than three spelling errors and/or grammatical errors are repeated and distracting.	There are less than three spelling errors and few grammatical errors.	There are no spelling errors and no grammatical errors.	
TOTAL POINTS				

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*"To promote good citizenship and awareness
and understanding of Town government"*

Application Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Town of _____

Graduation Date _____

Name of High School _____

School or institution of higher education you plan to attend after graduation _____

Intended major(s) / Emphasis _____

Scholarship Checklist:

- ☐ Meets eligibility requirements as listed in the packet.
- ☐ Evidence of application and/or acceptance a post-secondary educational entity
- ☐ Essay of up to 500 words addressing the essay topic:

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- ☐ Essay is typed with Arial 11 font, 1" margins and double spaced with the word count on the bottom of the last page.
- ☐ Paper clip your application in the following order:
 - o Application Form
 - o Essay
 - o Evidence of application and/or acceptance at a post-secondary educational entity.
- ☐ Mail completed application postmarked no later than **Tuesday, January 2, 2018** to:

Scholarship Committee

Wisconsin Towns Association- Winnebago County Unit

15 N. Oakwood Rd

Oshkosh, WI 54904

Required Signatures:

I prepared this application myself and certify that the information in it is accurate.

Applicant Date: _____ Signature of

I reviewed this application and believe to the best of my knowledge, the essay was written unaided (except for use of appropriate research and reference materials).

Signature of either Parent/Guardian/Teacher/School Principal & their Title Date: _____

Please follow all directions or your application cannot be considered.