

Wisconsin Towns Association

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To: Educators, County Unit Chairpersons and County Resource Agents
From: Michael J. Koles, Executive Director
Re: Wisconsin Towns Association/Rural Mutual Insurance Company/Scott Construction, Inc.
2015 Scholarship Program
Date of memo: January 16, 2015

For the 30th year, Wisconsin Towns Association, in conjunction with Rural Mutual Insurance Company, carrier for the Association's endorsed insurance program, and Scott Construction, Inc. will be awarding \$7,000 in scholarships to the winners of an essay contest to high school seniors graduating in 2015 from either a public or private high school in Wisconsin, who plan to enroll in a Wisconsin public or private college or vocational college. **The winners are determined by independent judging of an essay contest (see enclosed brochure for details). The essay should address the topic: "Why is town road investment important to economic development in Wisconsin?"**

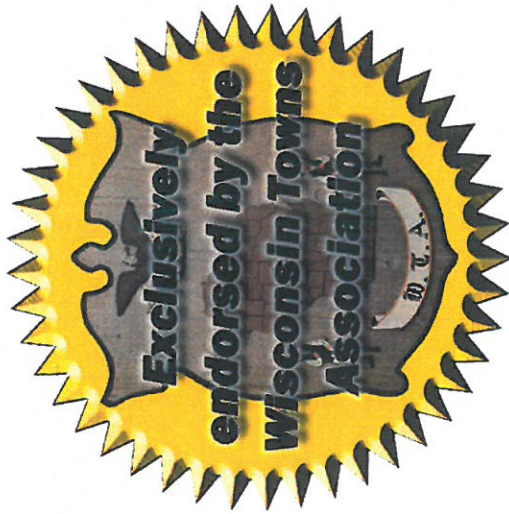
Wisconsin Towns Association is a non-profit association of town and village officials promoting education for local government officials throughout the state. Our activities include workshops, printed memos, and working with the University of Wisconsin Extension on WISLINE programs presented at various sites on the WISLINE system.

The enclosed brochure will aid the student who wishes to submit an essay to our Association office. All students graduating from a Wisconsin high school in 2015 and planning to attend a Wisconsin public or private college or vocational college are eligible to submit an essay on the topic as announced in the brochure. Home school students are eligible if receiving a high school diploma in 2015. Students do not need to be residents of towns. We welcome residents of villages and cities to submit essays. The submission deadline requires the essays be received or postmarked by **May 30, 2015**. If more forms are needed, please photocopy this or call our Association office at (715) 526-3157 and request more be sent.

Please advise students to keep their names and addresses out of the actual essay, and only be submitted on a cover sheet and the enclosed "background sheet to be submitted with their essay."

Please feel free to promote our scholarship in your area. We are sending this letter and brochure to all public and private high schools in the State. Thank you for your help promoting the program!

Please forward this material to the appropriate person within your organization. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office at (715) 526-3157 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.



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Let Local Government Work

On your mark, get set, WRITE!!

The annual Wisconsin Towns Association Scholarship program is looking for your essay addressing the topic: ***“Why is town road investment important to economic development in Wisconsin?”***

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, 2015.
- 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 2015 and plan to attend a Wisconsin public or private college or vocational technical institute in 2015.

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

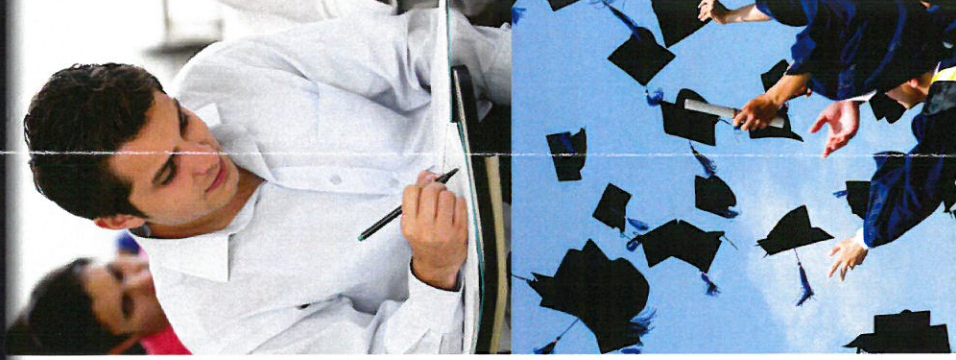
SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

1. Entrants must prepare an essay addressing the following topic: ***“Why is town road investment important to economic development in Wisconsin?”***
2. The printed (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 30, 2015 and mailed to:
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Shawano, WI 54166-6086
4. Essays must include a bibliographic listing of sources used.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The 2011-12 Wisconsin Statutes provide current information on the functions and authority of local government in Wisconsin.
- 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 15, 2015.
- Recipients will be announced by August 15, 2015. Successful recipients are encouraged to attend the 2015 Wisconsin Towns Association Convention Banquet on Monday, October 26, 2015 at the Kalahari Resort & Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells, WI. Proof of enrollment in a college or institute of higher education will be required to receive a scholarship. A waiver will be allowed for students unable to enroll until the second semester following high school graduation.

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



**2015 Wisconsin Towns Association
Scholarship Program
Background Information**

Name _____ () Male () Female

Telephone Number _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Local Unit of Government in which you reside:
() Town () Village or () City of _____

County of _____

Parents' Names _____

Is either parent a town or village officer? () Yes () No

If "yes" please specify office held _____

Name of High School from which you are graduating in 2015?

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, 2015

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