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MEMO TO: High School Educators, WTA County Unit Chairpersons, and Community
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FROM: Mike Koles, Executive Director

RE: Wisconsin Towns Association 2024 Scholarship Program

DATE: January 23, 2024

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 2024 from either a public or private high school in Wisconsin that plan to enroll in a Wisconsin public or private college or a university in 2024. The winners are determined by independent judging of an essay contest. **The essay should address the topic: “*What strategies can be implemented by town officials in collaboration with citizens to maintain civility in local government?*”** The enclosed brochure provides additional necessary details. Students do not need to be residents of towns. Essays must be postmarked by **May 24, 2024**. Thank you in advance for your help promoting the program!

2024 Wisconsin Towns Association Scholarship Essay Requirements

1. Entrants must prepare an essay addressing the 2024 WTA Scholarship program topic:
What strategies can be implemented by town officials in collaboration with citizens to maintain civility in local government?
2. The typed (not handwritten) essay should be between 500 and 1,000 words and double spaced.
3. Essays must include a bibliographic listing of sources used.
4. The completed essay should be postmarked no later than May 24, 2024, and mailed to the address at the bottom of the Background Information sheet.

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Scholarship Information

Your thoughts – combined with your writing skills 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 to the students with the highest-ranking essay score from a town or village insured by Rural Mutual Insurance Company as of May 1, 2024.
- Five (5) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the top five additional students with the highest-ranking essay scores.

Additional Information:

- All applicants must graduate from a Wisconsin public or private high school in 2024 and plan to attend a Wisconsin public or private college or university in 2024.
- Essays will be judged independently on originality and subject matter in relation to the topic. The essays must also contain correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.
- Judging will be completed by August 9, 2024.
- Recipients will be announced by August 23, 2024. Proof of enrollment in a Wisconsin public or private college is required to receive a scholarship.

**2024 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: _____ If "yes" specify office held: _____ No: _____
Name of High School from which you are graduating in 2024?	
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 24, 2024
Wisconsin Towns Association
W7686 County Road MMM
Shawano, WI 54166-6086

*** See back for Scholarship essay requirements ***