



# News Release

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## **Municipal Utility Scholarship Available**

City Water, Light and Power (CWLP), in cooperation with the Illinois Municipal Utilities Association (IMUA), is offering a scholarship competition to eligible high school seniors. Interested students are asked to submit an application and an essay of 500 words or less addressing a question on clean energy.

Applicants must be high school seniors whose parents or legal guardians are residential customers of CWLP or another IMUA-member utility.

The purpose of the program is to promote and recognize scholastic achievement, as well as to demonstrate the value of local, publicly-owned utilities. This will be the 13th year IMUA has offered the program. The deadline for submitting applications and essays is Friday, March 11, 2011. A committee of municipal utility officials will select a total of four finalists, each of whom will receive a certificate and a \$500 award. Winners will be announced in April. Application packets are available at [www.cwlp.com/scholarship.htm](http://www.cwlp.com/scholarship.htm).

CWLP is the largest of Illinois' 42 public utilities by numbers of customers served, revenue, and generation. CWLP facilities include four coal-fired power plants; two oil-fired gas peaking turbines; a dual fuel natural gas and oil-fired combustion turbine; a water purification plant; five water storage tanks; and over 750 miles of water mains. More information on CWLP can be found at [www.cwlp.com](http://www.cwlp.com).

Organized in 1948, IMUA is a statewide trade association which represents the unified interests of, and provides services to, nearly 70 municipalities which own and operate their own electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water and wastewater treatment systems. Applicants may contact IMUA for more information at (217) 789-4632.

Q.) U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu warned recently that the United States faces the risk of ". . . falling far behind" China, India and other countries in the race to develop clean energy (i.e., renewable forms of energy), particularly in the research and development of state-of-the-art technologies. What can the U.S. do to help ensure it maintains the lead in this all-important global competition?

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