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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 their choice of one of three utility-related questions. (see attached questions sheet). Applicants must be high school seniors whose parents or legal guardians are residential customers of CWLP or another IMUA-member utility. This will be the 12th year IMUA has offered the program in cooperation with its members.

The purpose of the program is to promote and recognize scholastic achievement, as well as to create greater awareness among young adults of the many issues facing consumers and public power municipalities today.

"Today's energy providers face a myriad of economic and environmental challenges, which warrant innovative solutions," CWLP Chief Utilities Engineer Eric Hobbie said.

"Creating awareness of these issues among students now can perhaps start the discussion today and prepare tomorrow's leaders, who will have to implement solutions."

"Since its inception in 2000, IMUA's scholarship program has proven to be a very popular and successful program for IMUA, its members and the communities it serves," said Kevin M. Gaden, President and CEO of the IMUA. "Public power communities offer their customers a number of cost, service and other advantages compared to those served by other energy providers. IMUA's scholarship program is another example of how municipally-owned and operated utility systems can help return value to their communities while at the same time, provide a measure of financial assistance to those students who wish to pursue a college education."

The deadline for submitting applications and essays is Friday, March 9, 2012. A committee of municipal utility officials will select a total of four finalists, each of whom will receive a certificate and a \$500 scholarship award. Winners will be announced in April. Application packets are available at www.cwlp.com/scholarship.htm.

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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.

Organized in 1948, IMUA is a statewide trade association which represents the unified interests of, and provides services to, 64 municipalities which operate their own electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water and wastewater treatment systems. Applicants may contact IMUA for more information at (217) 789-4632.

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