2027 AMP Scholarships Program

"The scholarship program goes a long way in the promotion of public power in our community. When AMP staff makes those presentations at our public council meetings, our customers get to see a very tangible benefit to owning our own electric system."

Jason Rockey
Village Administrator
Village of Montpelier

The Scholarship Committee of the American Municipal Power, Inc., (AMP) Board of Trustees is calling for nominations for scholarships awarded in honor of Lyle B. Wright and Richard H. Gorsuch, who were distinguished leaders in public power history.

There are up to five, one-time Lyle B. Wright Scholarships and up to five, one-time Richard H. Gorsuch Scholarships of $3,000 each.

Participating in the Scholarships program is an excellent way to show community involvement and support students pursuing a college education. It is also a great way to promote the benefits of living and working in a public power community. Since awarding its first scholarship in 1988, AMP is proud to have presented $561,000 to graduating high school seniors.

Important Deadlines

- Nomination forms, along with the nominee's high school transcript, must be submitted online by the utility by **Dec. 18, 2026**.
- AMP will provide the nominee finalists with a link to an online personal achievement form to complete, as well as information regarding a public power test to take; both must be completed on or before **Feb. 5, 2027**.

Guidelines

Complete program guidelines and nomination forms for the Wright and Gorsuch scholarships are available on the AMP website here: AMP Scholarships Programs. AMP Scholarship recipients are chosen based on academic performance, score on the public power test and participation in extracurricular activities/programs.

Selecting Nominees

AMP member electric utility or joint action agency representatives are responsible for selecting and nominating their own nominees and may nominate one student for the Wright Scholarship and one student for the Gorsuch Scholarship.

Scholastic record, knowledge of public power and personal achievement are important criteria in selecting the final winners. In the past, AMP Members have worked closely with high school guidance counselors when selecting nominees. For the Gorsuch Scholarship, we recommend making the information/scholarship available to your employees so they can let you know if they have an eligible student. To help you with your efforts to find a nominee for each scholarship, AMP will send the rules and eligibility requirements to your local high school guidance office.

Nomination Forms

Nomination forms are only available electronically and must be submitted electronically as well.

The Lyle B. Wright Scholarship

The Richard H. Gorsuch Scholarship

Scholarship information can also be found on the scholarship page of the AMP website.

AMP Scholarships Program Contact

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"Public power is about serving people, and that commitment extends beyond providing reliable electricity. AMP's Scholarships Program is more than financial assistance. It's an investment in the students, families, and communities that make public power strong. We're proud to help local high school seniors pursue their educational goals and prepare for bright futures."

Jason Grey
Director of Utilities
City of Danville



Jacob Howard accepts his scholarship for the Lyle B. Wright Scholarship. Pictured with Jacob are (from the left) Helm Dobbins, Commission Vice Chair; Dr. Gary Miller, Commission Member; Ken Larking, Commission Member and City Manager; Jacob; Jason Grey, Danville Utilities Director; Kati Hall, Jacob's mother; Murray Whittle, Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors Commission Member; and Harry Phillips, AMP Director of Member Relations.



Julia Barnett accepts her schoalrship for the Lyle B. Wright Scholarship. Pictured (from the left) are Bowling Green Mayor Mike Aspacher; Julia; and Alex Roth, AMP Manager of Marketing/Member Relations.



Emily Marino and Emma Merlo accept their scholarships for the Richard H. Gorsuch and Lyle B. Wright Scholarships. Pictured (from the left) are Tim Washington, Niles Superintendent; Alex Roth, AMP Manager of Marketing/Member Relations; Emily, Emma, and Niles Mayor Mientkiewicz.

RICHARD H. GORSUCH 2027 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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Purpose

To establish an educational program encouraging high school students in AMP Member communities to further their education, and to create an awareness of careers in the municipal electric utility field.

Awards

There are up to five, one-time scholarship awards of $3,000 each.

Rules and Eligibility Requirements

The following provisions will govern the acceptance of a nominee:

1. Nominee must be a student whose parent or guardian is an employee of AMP or an AMP Member. If the parent or guardian is an employee of an AMP Member, that parent or guardian must:
    a. Work directly for, or provide management or leadership of, the electric utility, electric utility department, or joint action agency; or
    b. Spend at least 30 percent of their time directly supporting electric utility operations.
2. Nominee must be a graduating senior who has met all the basic requirements for college or technical school entrance and has a cumulative, **unweighted** grade-point average of 3.0 or better **on a 4.0 scale**.
3. Prior to receiving an AMP scholarship check, scholarship recipients must offer proof of enrollment at an accredited college, university or technical school for the next fall semester or quarter, unless an extension of time is granted. A time extension will be granted only if “just cause” is determined. In the event that a student is unable to fulfill his or her enrollment obligations under this program, the award is forfeited and may be reassigned to another nominee by the AMP President/CEO. A check for the award will be written jointly to the recipient and the post-secondary school, or as circumstance dictates.
4. Nomination **forms must be completed and submitted by the Member electric utility** or joint action agency and must be received by AMP on or before **Dec. 18, 2026**.
5. A high school transcript, showing the nominee’s cumulative grade-point average on an **unweighted 4.0 scale** for six semesters, must be received via email, fax or mail on or before **Dec. 18, 2026**.
6. There shall be no more than one Gorsuch nominee per AMP Member.

RICHARD H. GORSUCH

Richard H. Gorsuch was president of American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) from 1983 until his death in 1987. AMP is the nonprofit wholesale power supplier and services provider for more than 130 Members in the states of Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia; as well as the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation, a joint action agency with eight Delaware municipal members. Combined, these Member municipal electric utilities serve approximately 665,000 customers.

When Gorsuch joined AMP in 1983, the organization had only recently expanded its trade association status to encompass power purchase and transmission services. Under his leadership, the organization grew from 46 to 75 members, increased annual power sales from $25 million to $85 million, expanded its services to member communities and increased public power activity in the legislative process.

Perhaps the biggest contribution of Gorsuch's leadership was his dream that Ohio's municipal electric communities could one day be joint owners of an electric generating plant. This dream became a reality when the Richard H. Gorsuch Generating Station was dedicated in his memory on Nov. 16, 1988.

Gorsuch also served as chief operating officer of the Ohio Municipal Electric Association (OMEA). The OMEA, which was AMP's predecessor, now serves as AMP's legislative liaison. One of Gorsuch's greatest accomplishments in this capacity was to organize and lead a team to introduce joint action legislation in the Ohio General Assembly. By spearheading this project, Gorsuch provided substantial guidance to AMP and its community officials in drumming up grassroots support for municipal power issues.

On the national front, Gorsuch was a member of the American Public Power Association Advisory Council.

LYLE B. WRIGHT 2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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Awards

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Rules and Eligibility Requirements

The following provisions will govern the acceptance of a nominee:

1. Nominee must be a student whose household (the student currently resides in) receives electricity from an AMP Member community.
2. A student is not eligible if they or a parent or guardian is an employee of AMP or an AMP Member who:
    a. Works directly for, or provides management or leadership of, the electric utility, electric utility department, or joint action agency; or
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7. There shall be no more than one Wright nominee per AMP Member.

LYLE B. WRIGHT

Lyle B. Wright was a strong public power advocate on both state and local levels.

Wright began his career in public power in 1955 as the business manager of Bowling Green Municipal Utilities, eventually becoming the city's director of utilities. His accomplishments in Bowling Green included directing development of a $26 million wastewater treatment facility, working on a multimillion-dollar sewer improvement plan and directing construction of two 1.5-million-gallon water towers.

Wright served on the boards of both American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) and the Ohio Municipal Electric Association (OMEA). AMP is the nonprofit wholesale power supplier and services provider for more than 130 Members in the states of Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia; as well as the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation, a joint action agency with eight Delaware municipal members. Combined, these Member municipal electric utilities serve approximately 665,000 customers. The OMEA, which was AMP's predecessor, now serves as AMP's legislative liaison.

Wright was a member of the OMEA and AMP boards from 1979 to 1986, serving as president of the OMEA Board from 1981 to 1982. He became secretary of the AMP Board in 1983 and served in that position until his death in 1986. Wright was chairman of AMP's policy committee and of the rate group representing public power communities in the Toledo Edison service area. In 1983, he received AMP's Distinguished Service Award.