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### NEWS FROM THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES

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#### **2026 IMUA Scholarship Program Applications Available Four \$1,000 Scholarships to be Awarded; Deadline is March 13, 2026**

**ST. CHARLES, Ill.** (Jan. 30, 2026) – The City of St. Charles, in partnership with the Illinois Municipal Utilities Association (IMUA), is offering four \$1,000 scholarships to eligible high school students.

To qualify, applicants must be high school seniors whose parents or legal guardians are residential customers of City of St. Charles utilities. Eligible students must submit an application and an essay of 500 words or less addressing one of four utility-related questions. Applications and essays are due March 13, 2026. The top four finalists will receive a scholarship award.

Download the application, list of essay questions, and eligibility requirements at [imea.org/services](http://imea.org/services).

The scholarship program seeks to promote and recognize scholastic achievement, as well as create greater awareness among young adults of the many issues facing consumers and public power municipalities. Since its inception in 2000, the program has awarded \$78,000 to 112 students from IMUA member communities statewide.

For more information, contact DeeDee Bunch at IMUA at 217.789.4632 or [dbunch@imea.org](mailto:dbunch@imea.org).

#### ***About the City of St. Charles***

The City of St. Charles, Illinois, is guided by the three driving principles in its Mission: *Service. Tradition. Community.* Together, these principles create a thriving environment for people who live or visit here, and for businesses to prosper. Our City has gained national recognition as a family-friendly town and wide acclaim for its architecture, living up to its nickname *Pride of the Fox*. Conveniently located 35 miles west of Chicago, in Kane and northwestern DuPage counties, St. Charles is home to 33,000 residents and a balanced mix of more than 2,000 businesses that employ approximately 28,700 people. More at [stcharlesil.gov](http://stcharlesil.gov), and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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