



2021 AMP Scholarship Program

To: AMP Principal Contacts
From: Jolene Thompson, President/CEO
Date: November 6, 2020
RE: Nominations for Richard H. Gorsuch and Lyle B. Wright Scholarships

"I think 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 (AMP) Board of Trustees is calling for nominations for scholarships awarded in memory of Lyle B. Wright and Richard H. Gorsuch, distinguished leaders in public power history.

Important Deadlines

- Nomination forms must be submitted by the utility and received via email, fax or mail by **Dec. 18, 2020**.
- A high school transcript, showing the nominee's cumulative grade point average based on an unweighted 4.0 scale for six semesters, must be received via email, fax or mail on or before **Dec. 18, 2020**.
- The nominee will be provided a personal achievement form to complete, as well as a public power test to take, both must be completed on or before **Feb. 12, 2021**.

Participating in the scholarship program is an excellent way to show community involvement and support education. Since awarding its first scholarship in 1988, AMP is proud to have presented \$378,000 to graduating high school seniors.

Guidelines

Complete program rules and nomination forms for the Wright and Gorsuch scholarships are attached. AMP Scholarship recipients are chosen based on academic performance, score on the public power test and participation in extracurricular activities/programs. There are up to five, one-time Lyle B. Wright Scholarship and up to five, one-time Richard H. Gorsuch Scholarship awards of \$3,000 each

Selecting Nominees

AMP member municipal electric officials are responsible for selecting 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, 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 distributed to the principal contact in AMP member communities. Scholarship information can also be found on the AMP Member Extranet at www.amppartners.org.

“The AMP scholarship raises the awareness of Public Power while developing the next generation of leadership for our community. These scholarships are a direct investment in our city’s long-term success in the public and private sectors.”

*Dave Carroll
General Manager
Paducah Power System*



Brett Sugg, Deshler, with his parents, Duke and Lisa, 2020 Richard H. Gorsuch Scholarship



Paige Brill, New Martinsville, 2020 Lyle B. Wright Scholarship



Elizabeth Hickey, Jackson Center, 2020 Lyle B. Wright Scholarship



**RICHARD H. GORSUCH 2021 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
NOMINATION FORM**

- Form must be filled out completely; preferably electronically
- Form must be signed by an official of an AMP member municipal electric system
- Signed nomination form must be received via email, fax or mail on or before **Dec. 18, 2020**
- A high school transcript with the nominee’s cumulative grade-point average based on a 4.0 scale for six semesters must be received via email, fax or mail on or before **Dec. 18, 2020**

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The student named below is our official nominee for the 2021 Richard H. Gorsuch Scholarship Program.

- Nominee must be a graduating high school 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.
- Nominee must be a student who is, or whose parent or guardian is, either:
 - An employee of an AMP member municipal electric system. For the purposes of this scholarship, an employee is defined as someone on the municipal electric system's payroll, or an employee or elected official who is in a position with the municipality to which the municipal electric system is subordinate; or
 - An employee of AMP.

Municipal electric system _____

Nominee’s name _____

Nominee’s high school _____

Nominee’s intended post-secondary school _____

Nominee’s anticipated field of study _____

Nominee’s home address (street, city, state, zip) _____

Nominee’s home phone number _____

Nominee’s cell phone number _____

Nominee’s email address _____

Nominee’s parents/guardians names (please provide first and last name for both parents/guardians)

Parent/guardian names _____

Name/title of parent/guardian who is municipal employee _____

Name of designated utility official/title (please print)

Phone number

Signature of designated utility official

Date

Address/phone number of designated utility official

Email of designated utility official

RICHARD H. GORSUCH

Richard H. Gorsuch was president of American Municipal Power (AMP) from 1983 until his death in 1987. AMP is the non-profit wholesale power supplier and services provider for 135 member municipal electric systems in the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia, Indiana, Maryland and Delaware. Combined these public utilities serve more than 650,000 customers. Gorsuch is remembered for the vital role he

played in protecting public power interests, promoting the advantages of municipally owned electric utilities and advancing public power on local, state and national levels.

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 went from 46 to 75 members, increased power sales from \$25 million to \$85 million annually, 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.

During his AMP tenure, Gorsuch introduced many member service programs, including the Public Power News, a quarterly consumer newspaper designed to educate municipal electric consumers about public power.

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

After receiving a bachelor's degree in political science in 1961 from Otterbein College in Westerville, Gorsuch went on to study law at Franklin University in Columbus.

Gorsuch had a keen interest in his hometown of Westerville. He served on the Westerville City Council for approximately 11 years, four of those as chairman. From 1961 to 1969 Gorsuch was a Westerville auxiliary police sergeant, and from 1964 to 1969 he was a volunteer firefighter for the city. Gorsuch also served his community through membership in various community and professional organizations, including the Jaycee's, which named him Outstanding Man of the Year.



LYLE B. WRIGHT 2021 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM

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- Signed nomination form must be received via email, fax or mail on or before **Dec. 18, 2020**
- A high school transcript with the nominee’s cumulative, unweighted grade-point average based on a 4.0 scale for six semesters must be received via email, fax or mail on or before **Dec. 18, 2020**

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The student named below is our official nominee for the 2021 Lyle B. Wright Scholarship Program.

- Nominee must be a graduating high school 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.
- Nominee must be a student who resides in a household that receives electricity from an AMP member community.
- A student is not eligible for the Lyle B. Wright Scholarship if they or an immediate family member or guardian (child or ward) is an employee of AMP or an AMP member municipal electric system. For the purpose of this scholarship, an employee of an AMP member municipal electric system is defined as someone on the municipal electric system’s payroll, or an employee or elected official who is in a position with the municipality to which the municipal electric system is subordinate.

Municipal electric system _____

Nominee’s name _____

Nominee’s high school _____

Nominee’s intended post-secondary school _____

Nominee’s anticipated field of study _____

Nominee’s home address (street, city, state, zip) _____

Nominee’s home phone number _____

Nominee’s cell phone number _____

Nominee’s email address _____

Nominee’s parents/guardians names (please provide first and last name for both parents/guardians)

Parent/guardian names _____

Name of designated utility official/title (please print)

Phone number

Signature of designated utility official

Date

Address of designated utility official (please print)

Email of designated utility official (please print)

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 include 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 also was active in Ohio's statewide public power organizations. He served on the boards of both American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) and the Ohio Municipal Electric Association (OMEA). AMP is the non-profit wholesale power supplier and services provider for 135 member municipal electric systems in the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia, Indiana, Maryland and Delaware. Combined these public utilities serve more than 650,000 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.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Wright was devoted to his wife, six children, 11 grandchildren and his faith. He was a longtime member of Bowling Green's St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Wright also volunteered his time to the Boy Scouts, Masonic Order, Kiwanis, American Heart Association and numerous professional organizations.

Wright's death in December 1986 had a strong impact on his family, his community and other public power communities across the state. In 1987, the AMP board voted to pay him tribute by establishing the Lyle B. Wright Scholarship.