

Fairmont Public Utilities/SMMPA College Scholarship Program Info Sheet

Scholarship

The FPU/SMMPA scholarship program awards two \$500.00 scholarships for higher education each spring.

Eligible Schools and Areas of Study

The scholarship may be used at any accredited postsecondary educational institution. The scholarship may be used for any program that ultimately provides a 2- to 4-year degree.

Applicant Eligibility

Applicants must be high school seniors and must be (or have a parent or legal guardian that is) a customer of Fairmont Public Utilities. Individuals that participated in a PSEO program in high school are eligible.

Timeline

The deadline for submitting the application and essay is May 1, 2026 via one of the following methods:

- In person: City of Fairmont at 100 Downtown Plaza Public Utilities Door – 1st Floor
- Mail: City of Fairmont, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031
- E-mail: citygov@fairmont.org (if submitting by email, a confirmation e-mail will be sent)

Selection

A local selection committee will review the applications and announce the award by June 1st. All aspects of the application (essay, letter of recommendation, and academics) will be reviewed and considered equally throughout the selection process.

Payment

The scholarship will be payable upon receipt of an invoice from an eligible institution. If the scholarship recipient does not attend an eligible educational institution within two years, the scholarship award will expire.



Fairmont Public Utilities (FPU)/SMMPA College Scholarship Program Application

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____
Street, City, State, ZIP

Are you currently a high school senior? Yes No

Do you plan to attend college after graduating high school? Yes No

What is your anticipated area of study in college (if known)? _____

In what year do you plan to graduate college? _____

Are you (or is your parent/legal guardian) a customer of FPU? Yes No

If you answered "Yes" to the above question and your parent/legal guardian is the FPU
account holder, please provide their name: _____

Fairmont Public Utilities Account Number: _____

In addition to answering the above questions, please:

- Attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher, employer, or community leader.
- Attach a 250- to 300-word essay on what public service means to you. How do you hope to use your education to serve your community in the future?

Please submit your application, recommendation letter, and essay to the City of Fairmont by the May 1st deadline in accordance with the instructions on the College Scholarship Program Info Sheet. Applications submitted after that date will not be considered.