



## **American Municipal Power (AMP) 2017 Richard H. Gorsuch Scholarship Program**

High School Seniors interested in being considered for nomination by the Cuyahoga Falls Electric System (CFES) for the 2017 American Municipal Power (AMP) Richard H. Gorsuch Scholarship should review the following.

### **Purpose**

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

### **Awards**

There will be up to four (4), one-time scholarship awards of \$2,500 each. The Cuyahoga Falls Electric System may nominate **one** candidate for consideration by AMP to continue to the finalist category. AMP will then provide each nominee detailed criteria in the selection process which will include an essay, and for finalists, an online (computer) test.

### **Rules & Eligibility**

1. The applicant must be a student who is, or whose parent or guardian is an employee of the Cuyahoga Falls Electric System (CFES) or an employee or elected official who is in a position with the municipality to which the CFES is subordinate, or an employee of AMP. The student must also live with the parent or guardian who is an employee of the CFES, or at another residence within the area in which the parent or guardian is employed.
2. The student applicant must be a graduating senior who has met all the basic requirements for college or technical school entrance, and has a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale.
3. The student applicant must submit the following to the Cuyahoga Falls Electric System by 5:00 PM, Wednesday, December 7th, 2016:
  - An official transcript showing the student's cumulative grade point average for six semesters.
  - A completed Cuyahoga Falls Electric System Richard H. Gorsuch Scholarship Nomination Application (form provided).
  - A letter of recommendation written by one of the student's teachers, guidance counselors or school administrators.

The Cuyahoga Falls Electric System may nominate only one student for the Richard H. Gorsuch Scholarship. The student nominee will be informed of his/her nomination on Friday, December 9, 2016. AMP will then send each nominee a packet of information on the selection process and a public power essay topic.

***Please observe all deadlines.***



## **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.