

2026 ICUA Youth Rally Program



What is the Rally Purpose?

The Rally is a leadership camp and scholarship program for youth from Idaho and surrounding states to learn about government, consumer-owned utilities, and the energy industry. Youth work in teams to solve challenges, puzzles and participate in obstacle courses. There is a trip to the Idaho Capitol and the nearby waterpark.

How to get the Scholarships?

1. Youth that are selected to receive an ICUA Youth Rally sponsorship will receive a \$500 scholarship for being the winning essay entry for UAMPS.
2. Youth are also evaluated throughout the camp on class engagement, participation, teamwork, leadership and overcoming obstacles to earn additional scholarships at the ICUA Youth Rally.

UAMPS to Sponsor Youth to Attend and Award a Scholarship

UAMPS will award four (4) youth an invitation to attend an all-paid round trip between Salt Lake City and Nampa, Idaho to attend the Youth Rally from **July 6-10, 2026** at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa (the “UAMPS Sponsorship”). The UAMPS Sponsorship is awarded to essay contest winners who desire to learn more about the electric utility industry. **Each of the four (4) winners will also receive a \$500 scholarship from UAMPS for their essay submissions.** Youth will have the opportunity to win additional scholarship money at the Youth Rally.

Guidelines for submission

Since decisions by judges and disqualifications according to the guidelines are final, entrants should read and follow these guidelines closely.

Essay entries are to interpret one or more aspects of the theme, **“Consumer-Owned Utilities: Why Having a Diverse Power Portfolio Is Important To Utilities.”** This applies to municipal electric utilities, rural electric cooperatives, public utility districts and water conservancy districts. Judges will look particularly for originality and the relevance of the theme to the writer and their consumer-owned utility.

Current high school sophomores and juniors are eligible. Those eligible must have a legal guardian who is a customer of a UAMPS member consumer-owned utility or attend high school in a member city. You can find a list of UAMPS members on the UAMPS website: www.uamps.com/members

Essays are to be original and from 500 to 750 words, typed and double-spaced.

All essays are to include a cover page, with the writer’s name, the year of high school they are currently attending as of Spring of 2026 (sophomore/junior), mailing address and headshot type photo of themselves.

Essay entries shall be submitted to the governing body of the consumer-owned utility (UAMPS member) by **April 3, 2026.** (The governing body may appoint a separate individual or group to judge entries.). The Member will send its winning essay to UAMPS for entry in the final selection of the UAMPS Sponsorships. The deadline for submitting essay entries to UAMPS is **April 10, 2026.** The executive committee of UAMPS will select the final four (4) essay winners, with an announcement via email by **April 27, 2026.**

Resource Materials

Your local utility is the best resource for information and printed materials. You may also want to visit uamps.com, publicpower.org, and nreca.org. For more about the ICUA Youth Rally, visit their Facebook page: facebook.com/ICUAYouthRally. For additional information, please visit uamps.com/scholarship.

UAMPS Sponsorship

The UAMPS Sponsorship will include all costs paid round trip to attend the ICUA Youth Rally including transportation to Idaho and back to Salt Lake City, lodging, meals, and activities throughout the duration of the Rally. The awardee will be responsible for transportation to and from Salt Lake City.



ICUA Youth Rally Entry Form

Your local public power utility, in conjunction with Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS):

- **Deadline to your local power utility: April 3, 2026**
- **Deadline to UAMPS: April 10, 2026**

The winning essay at your local power utility is passed on to UAMPS for their judging to win a \$500 scholarship and an all-paid trip from and to Salt Lake City to attend the ICUA Youth Rally on **July 6-10, 2026** at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho. **Youth will have the opportunity to win an additional scholarship at the Youth Rally.**

Name of High School: _____

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Graduation Year: _____
(winners will be notified by this email address by April 27th)

Parent/Legal Guardian Name(s): _____

Please include a headshot-type photo of yourself (from the shoulders up) or send it in the email along with your essay entry. If you are a selected recipient to attend the summer camp, then this photo will be printed in the camp's yearbook for all the other attending students to see.

Please attach an original 500 to 750 words typed, double-spaced essay on the theme **“Consumer-Owned Utilities: Why Having a Diverse Power Portfolio Is Important To Utilities”** to this form. Deliver the finished form and essay to your local power utility by **April 3, 2026**, by calling and arranging to email or drop it off in person. Your local power utility will send its winning essay to UAMPS for entry in the final selection of the four (4) UAMPS Sponsorships.

If there are any further questions, please contact sadie@uamps.com or your local power utility.

