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### **Civic Engagement Essay Winners Recognized During Pennsylvania Municipal League 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit**

**Harrisburg, PA** (October 7, 2019) – Spring graduates Linda Washburn, Keystone Oaks High School, Dormont; Dasha Brown, Cougar Academy, Harrisburg; and Brandon Fiedor, Valley Jr.-Sr. High School, New Kensington are the winners of the Pennsylvania Municipal League's John A. Garner, Jr. Civic Engagement Essay Scholarship Contest. Washburn, Brown and Fiedor were recognized at The League's 120th Annual Summit during an Awards Ceremony Saturday at the Gettysburg Hotel in downtown Gettysburg.

Linda Washburn is the first place winner and recipient of a \$2,000 scholarship. Dasha Brown is the second place winner and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and Brandon Fiedor is the third place winner and will receive a \$500 scholarship. This is the 36th year that the Pennsylvania Municipal League has awarded these scholarships. The award monies are deposited at the Financial Aid Office of each awardee's selected institution of higher education.

These scholarships are made possible through the Pennsylvania Municipal League and the generous contribution of Yvonne Garner in memory of her husband, John A. Garner, Jr., League Executive Director Emeritus.

"Our 2019 John A. Garner, Jr. Civic Engagement Essay Scholarship Contest winners Linda Washburn, Dasha Brown and Brandon Fiedor, are to be commended for their exceptional essays," said League Executive Director Richard J. Schuettler. "I truly hope these bright young adults will consider futures which include service in local government."

Contest participants were asked to elaborate on the appropriate theme – *Civics and You* – by writing about opportunities in their community that allow for civic engagement and encourage citizens to volunteer to help with local challenges. See our [Civics and You](#) e-book.

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