

**The Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition
Application and Selection Process
(Please keep these instructions with the application)**

Open to all high school juniors and seniors who are residents of New Jersey and plan to continue their education after high school.

1. Complete the application and essay.
2. **Return them to your Hometown Mayor's Office** (or the location designated by your Mayor).

*Regional Or Private High School Students: Please Note That The Application and Essay Must Be Returned To Your **Hometown Mayor**, **Not** the Mayor Of The Municipality Where Your High School Is Located (Unless That Is Your Hometown).*

3. The mayor or a designated committee will select one semi-finalist from your municipality.
4. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation from the Mayor's office.
5. The winner from each municipality will be designated as a state semi-finalist. They will have their essay and application reviewed by the Scholarship Committee of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.
6. All state semi-finalists will receive a certificate attesting to their status as state semi-finalists.
7. The Scholarship Committee will select 15 finalists and 3 winners.
8. The 15 finalists will each be awarded finalist certificates. The three winners will each be awarded \$1,000.00 by their mayor at a hometown ceremony.
9. Winners' essays will be featured in the *New Jersey Municipalities* magazine.

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Municipality In Which You Reside _____

Current School _____

Grade Attending _____

Colleges or Schools To Which You May Apply

Area of Municipal Govt/Administration That Interests You _____

Write an essay on the theme "What My Municipal Government Does Best". Your essay should be based on your perceptions and experiences with your municipality's local government. The essay should consider the public contributions of your municipal government.

Length: Approximately 500 words. Recommended Times New Roman, Double space, 12- font. Please use paper clips, not staples.

Deadline: Essays must be submitted to your hometown mayor by March 10, 2023

Judging Criteria:

- Judging is based solely on the essay. Please do not include any other information such as transcripts and references.
- Appropriateness of theme
- Effective articulation of theme
- Originality
- Technical composition, spelling, and syntax.

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The Mayor's Involvement**

This scholarship award cannot be a success without the interest and involvement of all New Jersey mayors. You are the main catalyst in your community. You will make it possible to publicize the scholarship, generate interest in local government, and ultimately send a finalist to the State level of this scholarship competition.

We are seeking your involvement in several key aspects:

1. Publicize the availability of this scholarship among your area High Schools through the PTA, PTO, School Board and Student Council. A brief letter from your office is all that is needed (draft letter attached).
2. Appoint a small committee to assist in reviewing applications and essays which will be returned to your office. We suggest an elected official, professional staff member, member of a volunteer board, and a member of the education community.
3. Have your committee select one statewide semi-finalist from your municipality and forward their entry to the League headquarters in Trenton. (See application for judging criteria.)
By mail: Attn: NJLM Scholarship, 222 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608
By Email: cbradley@njlm.org
4. Announce entrants and statewide semi-finalist to local newspapers and raise awareness of the importance of local government.
5. Award a Certificate of Participation to each entrant (blanks supplied by the League in May).
6. Alert the statewide semi-finalist's school to make an announcement at any award ceremony they may hold.
7. If your statewide semi-finalist is selected by the League as one of 15 finalists, hold a ceremony to award a finalist certificate. In May, the League will provide you with the semi-finalist or finalist certificate.
8. If your statewide semi-finalist is selected as one of three winners, in May the League will send you a \$1,000.00 check to award to the winner. Your presentation will then be featured in *New Jersey Municipalities* magazine.

Suggested Time Frame

February 1	Announce contest (see draft letter).
Before March 2	Create your local judging committee.
March 10	Suggested deadline for submission of entries <u>to the hometown mayor</u> (Please do not send from the school.)
April 3	Submit to League office (1) winning entry, and list of all other entrants to receive a certificate of participation (Please use paper clips to keep your documents together- do not staple.)
May 5	Announcement of (3) winners, (15) Statewide finalists and semi-finalists. League sends appropriate certificates to Mayors.
May 9 - May 25	Presentation of awards to (3) winners in local ceremonies.

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