

ESSAY CONTEST



“If I were elected Mayor, . . .”

How would you make your city a better place?

WHO: The contest is open to all 7th graders in a Florida public school.

WHAT: Essays must begin with the statement, “If I were elected Mayor, . . .” and must not be more than 250 words long and fit on one page. Students must describe what they would do if they were elected as mayor of their city or town to make their community a better place to live.

WHERE: Download the contest details and student guide on this web page. www.floridamayors.org.

WHEN: All entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 14, 2014. Send your completed essay and entry form to the Florida League of Mayors, Post Office Box 1757, Tallahassee, Florida 32302. Or, entries may be emailed to janderson@flcities.com no later than March 14.

WHY: First- second- and third-place prizes (see below), with the winners chosen by a committee of the Florida League of Mayors board. Every student who participates will receive a participation certificate.

FIRST PLACE: The first place winner will receive a \$100 gift card and have a chance to be “Mayor for a Day.”

SECOND PLACE: The second place winner will receive a \$50 gift card.

THIRD PLACE: The third place winner will receive a \$25 gift card.

First, second and third place winners will receive a joint resolution from the Florida League of Cities and the Florida League of Mayors to be presented by the mayor at a hometown commission meeting.

QUESTIONS: Please contact Jenny Anderson at 1-(800) 342-8112.

SPONSORS: The Florida League of Cities and the Florida League of Mayors.





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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

A completed Official Entry Form must be signed and stapled to the front of each single essay submission.



Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School Name: _____ School District: _____

Teacher Name: _____

In signing this, I certify that the essay is my own original work and I agree to comply with all contest rules.

Signature of Student: _____

Word Count: _____ (no more than 250 words)

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CONTEST RULES:

- » A student can only submit one essay.
- » Essays may be typed or printed, but can be no more than 250 words long and not be more than one page.
- » Essays will become the property of the Florida League of Mayors and will not be returned.
- » First, second and third place essays will be published in the Florida League of Cities *Quality Cities* magazine and on the Florida League of Mayors website.
- » Essays must begin this, "If I were elected Mayor, . . ."

Judging criteria will include:

- » Creativity, clarity, sincerity of thought, and appropriate grammar, spelling and essay construction.