



STUDENTS CAN WIN \$150 AND GET PUBLISHED!

Each spring, the North Dakota League of Cities sponsors a statewide “If I Were Mayor” essay contest. This contest encourages young people to think about public service and future community leadership.

The contest is open to all third- and seventh-grade students living in North Dakota. Students can be enrolled in either a public or private school or be homeschooled. Each grade will be judged separately, and winners will be chosen from each grade.

Essay contest rules:

- Essays must be the students original work.
- Only one essay per student will be accepted.
- Essays can be typed or handwritten and should be no longer than one page in length.
- Essays must answer the following questions:
 - Why is your city great?
 - What makes it special?
 - What would you do to improve your city if you were mayor?
- Originality of thought and creativity will be considered.

Essays may be submitted in the following ways:

- Teachers must include the student’s name, school, and teacher’s name.
- Individual students must include the student’s name, address, parent’s name, and phone number.
- Mail to: NDLC, 410 E Front Ave., Bismarck, ND 58504, with a postmark no later than March 15, 2024.
- Email to: Jennifer at jennifer@ndlc.org no later than March 15, 2024.

The deadline for submitting essays is March 15, 2023.

The ND League of Cities encourages all third- and seventh-grade students to submit essays.

The essay winners will be announced in April, during City Government Week. Winners will receive a \$150 prize from the NDLC, and have their essays published in CITYScan magazine.

For more information, contact Jennifer at 701-223-3518 or jennifer@ndlc.org. Visit www.ndlc.org/mayoressay to see last year’s contest winners.

What would you do if you were Mayor?

