

Virginia Municipal League

If I Were Mayor

ESSAY CONTEST

THE VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (VML) invites all Virginia 7th Graders to join its essay contest, "If I Were Mayor," to tell others what they would do as mayor* to make their city, town or county an even better place to live.

**Students whose locality does not have a mayor can select an alternate municipal leader (i.e. member of their county's Board of Supervisors) for their essay.*

Promoting good local government is important to VML, and this essay contest provides students the opportunity to reflect on the important role of elected officials in their locality.

Regional winners selected from around the state will each receive a \$150 cash prize and plaque. VML will

present the awards to the regional winners at their local council meetings. Additionally, one statewide winner will also receive a \$250 cash prize and plaque.

For more information, contact Rob Bullington at rbullington@vml.org or visit www.vml.org/education/essay-contest.

Jalia Hardy of Richmond, Va., was the 2017-18 statewide winner of the League's annual "If I Were Mayor" Essay Contest.



CONTEST RULES

- The contest is open to all Virginia students enrolled in the 7th Grade during the 2018-2019 school year.
- Each entry must include a completed Entry Form (see reverse side) stapled at the top of the essay.
- Essays must be typed.
- Essays must be 200 – 500 words.
- Essays must address the subject of what the student would do if they were mayor or elected municipal leader.
- Only one essay may be submitted per student.
- Essays will be judged based on the following: originality, persuasiveness, understanding of city, town or county services, and proper use of composition and written expression.
- Essays must be received at the VML office by Friday, January 18. Winners will be notified in March 2019.
- Essays will not be returned.
- VML retains the right to publish essays along with the names of each student.
- Submit entries to: VML, Attn: 7th Grade Essay Contest, P.O. Box 12164, Richmond, VA 23241





2018-19 Entry Form

Student's Name: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

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