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VML believes that civics education is the foundation for good citizens and good leaders of the future. To help introduce students to local governments and to encourage them to envision how their leadership could impact their community, VML is sponsoring an "If I Were Mayor" essay contest.

Contest rules and information are included on the enclosed flyer. Please forward this information to the 7th grade English and Social Studies teachers in your school. We have also asked mayors to work together with 7th grade teachers to encourage students to write the essays and submit them for consideration in the contest. We plan to present the awards to the regional winners at a special ceremony.

Thank you in advance for promoting this new opportunity. Please contact me or Sherrill Dementi (sdementi@vml.org) if you have any questions about this exciting new program.

Sincerely,

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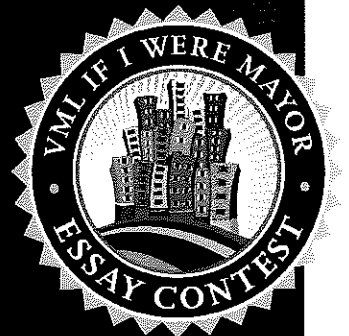
Virginia Municipal League

If I Were Mayor

ESSAY CONTEST

Contest Rules

- The contest is open to all Virginia students enrolled in the 7th Grade during the 2017-2018 school year.
- Each entry must include a completed Entry Form stapled at the top of the essay. (See reverse side)
- Essays should be typed or clearly handwritten.
- Essays must be 200 – 500 words.
- Essays must address the subject of what the student would do if they were elected mayor.
- Only one essay may be submitted per student.
- Essays will be judged based on the following: originality, persuasiveness, understanding of city, town and county services, and proper use of composition and written expression.
- Essays must be received at the VML office by Friday, Dec. 22. Winners will be notified in February 2018.
- 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.



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 cities, towns, and counties great places to live.

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 own city or town.

Regional winners from around the state will be selected. Winners will receive a \$150 cash prize and plaque. One statewide winner will also be selected and will receive a \$250 cash prize and plaque. VML will be going to the localities of the winners and present the awards at their local council meetings.

For more information, contact Sherall Dementi at sdementi@vml.org or visit <https://www.vml.org/education/essay-contest>.

Trey Mitchell of Lawrenceville, Va., was the 2016-17 statewide winner of the League's annual "If I Were Mayor" Essay Contest.





2017-18 Entry Form

Student's Name: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's email: _____



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