

The 2026 Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Application

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 I Like About My Hometown". 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 9, 2026**

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.

Return completed application and essay to your **hometown** mayor's office.

**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.