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Administrator



February 3, 2020

Southern Regional High School  
775 Cedar Bridge Road  
Manahawkin, New Jersey 08050

Dear Junior and Senior Students,

The New Jersey State League of Municipalities and I have an excellent scholarship opportunity for the high school juniors and seniors from Stafford Township.


We have teamed up to offer three \$1,000.00 scholarships through the Louis Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> Future Municipal Leaders scholarship Competition. This statewide scholarship competition centers on the theme "What My Municipal Government Does Best" and seeks to advance the virtues of elected and volunteer members of the municipal government.

Many of the elected officials and appointed board members serve Stafford Township with little or no compensation. It is their altruistic desire to serve their community which compels them to public service. These officials, along with a cadre of dedicated professionals, are guardians of our hometown comforts and security. They give of their time and talents to help plan our community and preserve our way of life.

They serve us year-round, every day and yet are hardly noticed. This scholarship competition will help rectify that while encouraging our future municipal leaders.

Full Details on the application process and contest are enclosed. I hope to see many of our young adults representing Stafford Township in the Louis Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition.

Sincerely,

  
Mayor Gregory E. Myhre  
Township of Stafford

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Enclosures

**The Louis Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> 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). **DUE MARCH 11, 2020**

*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.

## The Louis Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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Area of Municipal Govt/Administration That Interests You \_\_\_\_\_

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Write an essay on the theme "What My Municipal Government Does Best". 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

**Deadline:** Essays must be submitted to your hometown mayor by March 11, 2020

**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.