



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 the student's name, school, teacher's name and teacher's email.
- Essays must be typed.
- 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 Monday, Dec. 4. Winners will be notified in early January 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 and towns 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. The winners, along with their teachers, will be recognized at a special ceremony in Richmond.

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.