



Township of Hillsborough

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Dear High School Juniors and Seniors,

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

We have teamed up to offer three \$1,000 scholarships through the Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition. This statewide scholarship competition centers on the theme this year on "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 Hillsborough 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 Hillsborough Township in the Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Britting, Jr.

The Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition Application and Selection Process

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**
*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 *New Jersey Municipalities* magazine.

The 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 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 8, 2024**

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.

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WHAT IS THE LEAGUE?

The New Jersey State League of Municipalities is a voluntary association created to help communities do a better job of self-government through pooling information resources and brainpower. The League is authorized by state statute and since 1915, has been serving local officials throughout the Garden State. All of New Jersey's 564 municipalities are members of the League. The 564 mayors and 13,000 elected and appointed officials of member municipalities are entitled to all of the services and privileges of the League.

The League publishes a magazine, *New Jersey Municipalities*, that reports up-to-the-minute information on municipal administration and procedures with practical examples, news notes, and new laws. It is one of the must-reads for municipal officials and is sent to more than 8,500 readers each month.

In addition to the magazine, other League services include: Bureau of Municipal Information; Ordinances and Codes; Research; Legislative Analysis; Legislative Bulletins; New Laws; Contracts, In-Service Training; Personal Consultation; Instructional Seminars and Research Publications. Nearly all League services are available through the League website www.njlm.org.

The highlight of the year's activities is the Annual League Conference, held each November in Atlantic City at the Atlantic City Convention Center. The Conference is an invaluable learning experience which yields benefits throughout the year. Delegates have the opportunity to learn and ask questions at more than 100 panels, clinics, workshops, and other sessions conducted by the League and the 21 associations of technical and professional employees allied with it. Commercial, government and association exhibits display the latest products and services for municipal government. At the 2023 Annual League Conference, more than 15,000 delegates, participants and guests attended, representing the largest municipal gathering in the country.

These Affiliate Organizations Form An Integral Part of the League

- Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey
- New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys
- New Jersey Building Officials Association
- Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey, Inc.
- Municipal Court Administrators Association of New Jersey
- Municipal Electrical Inspectors Association of New Jersey, Inc.
- New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers, Inc.
- Government Finance Officers Association of New Jersey
- New Jersey State Fire Prevention and Protection Association
- NJACCHO – Health Officers
- Jersey Access Group
- New Jersey Municipal Management Association
- New Jersey Planning Officials, Inc.
- New Jersey State Plumbing Inspectors Association, Inc.
- New Jersey State Municipal Prosecutors Association
- American Public Works Association – New Jersey Chapter
- Governmental Purchasing Association of New Jersey
- Community Recreation Society of New Jersey
- Registrars Association of New Jersey
- Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association of New Jersey
- Municipal Welfare Association of New Jersey