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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

We have teamed up to offer three \$1,000.00 scholarships through the Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition. This statewide scholarship competition centers on the theme this year on "How has local government played a role in your life regarding the ongoing pandemic?" " 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 High Bridge 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 (your municipality) in the Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition.

Sincerely,



Michele Lee
Mayor

**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 *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 "How has local government played a role in your life regarding the ongoing pandemic?". 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 April 2, 2021

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.