



Would your student like to be “Mayor for a Day” for a chance to win \$100?

Enter the League of Minnesota Cities Essay Contest: If I Were Mayor for a Day ...

Essays can be submitted online or using the form on page two (either handwritten or typed into the fillable form), should be no more than one page in length or about 125-300 words, and must answer the following question:

Cities provide a variety of services and programs that make our lives better, including parks & rec, street maintenance, water and sewer, libraries, police, fire, and more! If you were mayor for a day, what would you do to make one of the services that your city provides even better?

Essays must be the original work of students residing in Minnesota who are in 4th, 5th, or 6th grade as of fall 2025. Three winners will be selected based on creativity, originality, ability to show a basic understanding of city services, and legibility (*if handwritten*) and notified via email in early January. Each winner will receive a \$100 prize. The winning essays will also be published in the League’s publication, *Minnesota Cities* magazine.

- Mailed entries must be postmarked by **Dec. 12, 2025** to:
League of Minnesota Cities, ATTN: Mayor for a Day, 145 University Ave W, St. Paul, MN 55103.
- You may also email entries as an attachment by **Dec. 12, 2025** to mayorforaday@lmc.org or submit your essay at lmc.org/mayorforaday.

THERE IS NO COST TO ENTER. These restrictions apply:

- You agree to have your child’s essay published in *Minnesota Cities* magazine and other League communications.
- You agree that your child’s essay can be shared with the child’s city of residence.
- You agree that your city’s mayor and local media will be notified of your child’s winning entry.

Author’s Name _____ Grade (as of Sept. 2025) _____

School Name _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Parents/Guardian’s Name _____

Parents/Guardian’s Email _____ Phone # _____

Parents/Guardian’s Signature _____ Date _____

By submitting this form, the student’s parent or guardian acknowledges they give consent to LMC to collect this data for the limited purpose of identifying and contacting a contest winner, and that this consent may be revoked at any time by contacting publicaffairs@lmc.org. This contest is held by the League of Minnesota Cities, 145 University Ave W, St. Paul, MN 55103. The League is a membership organization dedicated to promoting excellence in local government. The League serves its more than 800 member cities through advocacy, education and training, policy development, risk management, and other services. For more information, visit lmc.org.

If you were mayor for a day, what would you do to make one of the services that your city provides even better? Please explain your ideas below.

If I were mayor for a day _____

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