

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP

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Dear Students and Parents of Lafayette Township:

The New Jersey State League of Municipalities and Lafayette Township Committee have an excellent scholarship opportunity for the High School Juniors and Seniors of Lafayette.

We have teamed up to offer three (3) \$1,000.00 scholarships through the *Louis Bay II 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 municipal government.

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

This scholarship competition will help to promote pride and community spirit among our township's high school students, while encouraging involvement in the township and municipal leadership.

Full details on the scholarship application process and contest are enclosed. We look forward to seeing the involvement of our young adults representing Lafayette Township in this statewide scholarship competition. We are proud of Christina Smith who was selected as one of the three (3) statewide scholarship winners in 2006. You are invited to contact any of the Township Committee members or attend a Committee meeting scheduled on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Sincerely,

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

THE LOUIS BAY II 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 attached application form.
2. Write an essay on the theme "*What My Municipal Government Does Best*". The essay should be based on your perceptions and experiences with your municipality's local government. The essay should consider the public contributions of the Lafayette Township Committee and Mayor.

Length: Approximately 500 words (double spaced)

Deadline: Essays must be submitted by March 9, 2018

Judging:

- Judging is based solely on the essay. Please do not include any other information such as personal transcripts and references
- Appropriateness of essay to the theme "What My Municipal Government Does Best"
- Effective articulation of the theme
- Originality
- Technical composition, spelling, and syntax

3. Submit the application form and essay package to:

In Person Deliver To:

Anna Rose Fedish, Municipal Clerk
Lafayette Township Municipal Building
33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette

OR

Mail To:

Township of Lafayette
33 Morris Farm Road
Lafayette, NJ 07848
Att: Scholarship Competition

4. Competition Timeline:

All essays and applications submitted by March 9, 2018, to the Lafayette Municipal Building. Selection Committee, comprised of Lafayette Township municipal officials, will review all entries and select one applicant to represent the township as the Local Winning Entry.

April 2, 2018, the Local Winning Entry and a list of all applicants will be submitted by Lafayette Township to the NJ State League of Municipalities Selection Committee.

May 4, 2018, the Scholarship Committee of the NJ State League of Municipalities announces the fifteen (15) Statewide Finalists and three (3) Scholarship Winners.

May 2018, Presentation of awards to the three \$1,000 Scholarship Winners.

June 2018, recognition of the Local Winning Essay and award certificates to all students submitting essays in the competition at the June Lafayette Township Committee Meeting.

**THE LOUIS BAY II FUTURE MUNICIPAL LEADERS
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH YOU RESIDE _____

CURRENT SCHOOL _____ GRADE ATTENDING _____

COLLEGES OR SCHOOLS TO WHICH YOU MAY APPLY _____

AREA OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT/ADMINISTRATION THAT INTERESTS YOU:

Write a 500 word essay on the theme “What My Municipal Government Does Best”. The essay should be based on your perceptions and experiences with your municipality’s local government. The essay should consider the public contributions of the Lafayette Township Committee and Mayor.

Return the application and essay to:

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WHAT IS THE *NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES*?

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. It is authorized by state Statute and for more than 80 years, has been serving local officials throughout the Garden State. All 565 municipalities are members of the League. The 565 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 titled *NEW JERSEY MUNICIPALITIES* which reports up-to-the-minute information on municipal administration and procedures by practical examples, news notes and new laws.

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.