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**Highlights from previous winners:**

If I were mayor, I would focus on three things to improve my town: safety, jobs, and communication...

If I were Mayor, I would make an organization for kids and make sure our water was clean...

If I were mayor, I would help my community succeed by treating both friend and foe with compassion and respect..

If I were mayor I would make sure my community is the best it could possibly be...

If I were mayor, I would be a good steward with the public's money to provide essential services that residents come to expect...

If I were mayor, I would conduct a survey to improve the safety for kids to walk to and from school...

If I were mayor, I would set an example about respectful communication...

If I were mayor, I would first create a town motto...

**The submission window closes  
on December 12.**

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If I were mayor...

Iowa League of Cities • 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Contest



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We're inviting all Iowa 7th graders to participate in the, *"If I were mayor"* essay contest to tell others what they would do as mayor to make their cities the best place to live.

*The Iowa League of Cities serves as the unified voice of cities, providing advocacy, training and guidance to strengthen Iowa's communities.*

Promoting good city government is important to the **Iowa League of Cities**, and this essay contest provides students the opportunity to reflect on the role of the key elected official in their own city.

Our **future mayors** of our cities **are in classrooms today**. The education they receive helps them to become good citizens and good mayors.

A winning essay will be selected in each of the state's congressional districts. District winners will receive a **\$250 college scholarship**, while one grand prize winner will be selected to represent the entire state and receive a total of **\$500 to use towards college**. The winners, along with their parents and teachers, will be recognized at a special ceremony in Des Moines in 2023.

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### What To Do

Students simply need to write an essay about what they would do if they were mayor and send it along with an entry form to the Iowa League of Cities.

### Contest Rules

- The contest is open to all Iowa students enrolled in the 7th grade during the 2022- 2023 school year.
- Each entry must contain the student's name, home address, telephone number, school and teacher's name.
- Minimum of 250 words and not to exceed one page.
- Essays must address the subject and begin with "If I were mayor, I would..."
- Only one essay may be submitted per student.
- Essays will be judged based on the following: creativity, clarity, sincerity of thought and proper use of grammar.
- Essays must be received at the Iowa League of Cities office by December 12, 2022. Winners will be notified once the judging process is complete.
- Essays will not be returned and will become the property of the Iowa League of Cities.
- The Iowa League of Cities retains the right to publish essays along with the names and likenesses of each student.

