

I were MAYOR I would... Enter 's 2011! Mayor's Contest!



Being mayor is a big job, but mayors don't get the job done by themselves. City and town governments work with citizens, businesses and community groups as well as other municipalities to provide services and improve the lives of their citizens.

Whether it's recovering from a natural disaster, like last year's blizzards, or planning a town fair to celebrate the community's history, citizens and local government must work together to help make their city or town a better place to live, work and play.

Contest Theme: Working Together Works

Look around your community.

If you were mayor:

- 1. What things would you improve or change to make your city or town a better place to live?**
- 2. How would you encourage your citizens to work together to make these improvements or changes?**
- 3. How would you recognize your citizens for working together to achieve a common goal?**

Contest Rules

The contest is open to all Maryland students enrolled in the 4th grade during the 2010-2011 school year.

Essays must address the subject with the opening line beginning: "If I Were Mayor, I Would..."

Essays may not exceed 275 words.

Only one essay may be submitted per student.

Essays will be judged by contest sponsors in the following areas: essay relation to contest topic; displayed knowledge about municipal government and the role of a mayor; creativity; and proper use of grammar.

-  Students must include their first and last names, school and teacher's name at the top of their essays.
-  Essays must be received no later than April 1, 2011. Winners will be notified by the end of April 2011.
-  Sometime during the month of May, the 11 regional winners along with their parents and teachers will be recognized during a Mayors' Essay Contest Awards Ceremony in Annapolis.