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Essay  
Contest  
Rules

If I were  
**MAYOR**  
I would...



If I were  
Mayor,  
I would...

our city  
CASH FREE



The Maryland Municipal League (MML) and the Maryland Mayors' Association (MMA) invite 4th grade students throughout Maryland to participate in a statewide essay contest: "If I Were Mayor, I Would..."

The contest gives students a chance to creatively use cognitive and grade-specific language arts skills and civics/social studies knowledge.

### About Maryland's Cities & Towns:

*City and town governments can choose to provide many services to their citizens such as trash collection, leaf collection, recycling, snow removal, police protection, water, waste water treatment, planning for how land can be used, inspecting the safety of buildings, and parks and playgrounds. Many cities and towns do not provide all of these services. The mayor and council decide what services can be provided based on what citizens want and the amount of money in the budget to pay for services.*

*Cities and towns in Maryland are not responsible for schools. Decisions about schools are made by State and County government and each county's school board.*

# Essay Contest Theme

Every little bit we can do to encourage everyone in our cities and towns to think “green” and protect our environment takes us one step closer to saving our planet. Everything from creating a recycling program, to cleaning up a stream or park or saving energy can make a difference in the quality of life we will enjoy in the future.

**If you were Mayor, how would you encourage your citizens to get on board and “GO Green?” What programs could you put in place to encourage your citizens to preserve our natural resources?**

Be creative with your ideas!

## Contest Rules

The contest is open to all Maryland students enrolled in the 4th grade during the 2008-2009 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.

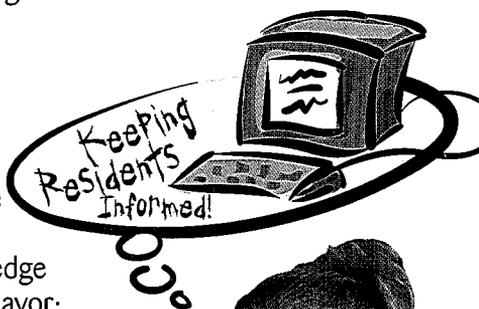
Essays will be judged by contest sponsors in the following areas:

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, 2009. Winners will be notified by the end of April 2009.

Sometime during the month of May, the 11 winners along with their parents and teachers will be recognized during a Mayors’ Essay Contest Awards Ceremony in Annapolis.





## **MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE**

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) founded in 1936, represents the 157 incorporated cities and towns in Maryland and several taxing districts throughout the state. A voluntary, nonprofit, nonpartisan association controlled and maintained by city and town governments, MML works to strengthen the role and capacity of municipal government through research, legislation, technical assistance, training, and the dissemination of information to its members.

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### **You must mail your entries to:**

**MAYORS' CONTEST**  
**Maryland Municipal League**  
**1212 West Street**  
**Annapolis, MD 21401**

Teachers may submit any number of entries using one form. To increase your chances of winning, use the Mayors' Contest Study Guide that can be downloaded from MML's website, **[www.mdmunicipal.org](http://www.mdmunicipal.org)**.

(This contest is not affiliated with any County Public School System in Maryland)

Questions? Call MML at 800/492-7121