



# Township of Bernards

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February 7, 2024

RE: The Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition Application and Selection Process

Dear Bernards Township Community,

The New Jersey State League of Municipalities and I have an excellent scholarship opportunity for the high school juniors and seniors from Bernards Township. As a first-generation college graduate, I have a passion to provide awareness for scholarship opportunities, as they were critical for my ability to complete my undergraduate degree. I am well-aware of the amazing talent we have amongst our Bernards Township youth and would love to see one of them represent us by competing (and winning!) in this state competition.

We have teamed up to offer three \$1,000 scholarships through the Louis Bay 2nd 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 the municipal government.

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

They serve us year-round, every day and yet are hardly noticed. This scholarship competition will help rectify that while encouraging our future municipal leaders.

Full details on the application process and contest are enclosed. I hope to see many of our young adults representing Bernards Township in the Louis Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition.

Sincerely,

*Jennifer Asay*

Mayor Jennifer Asay



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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 application and essay.
2. **Return them to your Hometown Mayor's Office.**

*Regional Or Private High School Students: Please note that the application and essay must be returned to your hometown mayor, not the mayor of the municipality where your high school is located (unless that is your hometown).*

3. The mayor or a designated committee will select one semi-finalist from your municipality.
4. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation from the Mayor's office.
5. The winner from each municipality will be designated as a state semi-finalist. They will have their essay and application reviewed by the Scholarship Committee of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.
6. All state semi-finalists will receive a certificate attesting to their status as state semi-finalists.
7. The Scholarship Committee will select 15 finalists and 3 winners.
8. The 15 finalists will each be awarded finalist certificates. The three winners will each be awarded \$1,000.00 by their mayor at a hometown ceremony.
9. Winners' essays will be featured in the *New Jersey Municipalities* magazine.



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## The Louis Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality In Which You Reside \_\_\_\_\_

Current School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges or Schools To Which You May Apply

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Area of Municipal Govt/Administration That Interests You \_\_\_\_\_

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Write an essay on the theme "What My Municipal Government Does Best". Your essay should be based on your perceptions and experiences with your municipality's local government. The essay should consider the public contributions of your municipal government.

**Length:** Approximately 500 words. Recommended Times New Roman, Double space, 12- font. Please use paper clips, not staples.

**Deadline:** Essays must be submitted to your hometown mayor by **March 11, 2024**

**Judging Criteria:**

- Judging is based solely on the essay. Please do not include any other information such as transcripts and references.
- Appropriateness of theme
- Effective articulation of theme
- Originality
- Technical composition, spelling, and syntax.

**Return completed application and essay to:**

Bernards Township  
Attn: Mayor Jennifer Asay  
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## WHAT IS THE LEAGUE?

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. The League is authorized by state statute and since 1915, has been serving local officials throughout the Garden State. All of New Jersey's 564 municipalities are members of the League. The 564 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 *New Jersey Municipalities* magazine, which reports up-to-the-minute information on municipal administration and procedures with practical examples, news notes, and new laws. It is one of the reading "musts" for municipal officials and is sent to more than 8,500 readers each month.

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. Nearly all League services are available through the League website [www.njlm.org](http://www.njlm.org).

The highlight of the year's activities is the Annual League Conference, held each November in Atlantic City at the Atlantic City Convention Center. The Conference is an invaluable learning experience which yields benefits throughout the year. Delegates can learn and ask questions at more than 100 panels, clinics, workshops, and other sessions conducted by the League and the 21 affiliated associations of technical and professional employees allied with it. Commercial, government and association exhibits display the latest products and services for municipal government. At the 2023 Annual League Conference, more than 15,000 delegates, participants, and guests attended, representing the largest municipal gathering in the country.

## These Affiliate Organizations Form an Integral Part of the League:

- Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey
- New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys
- New Jersey Building Officials Association
- Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey, Inc.
- Municipal Court Administrators Association of New Jersey
- Municipal Electrical Inspectors Association of New Jersey, Inc.
- New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers, Inc.
- Government Finance Officers Association of New Jersey
- New Jersey State Fire Prevention and Protection Association
- NJACCHO – Health Officers
- Jersey Access Group
- New Jersey Municipal Management Association
- New Jersey Planning Officials, Inc.
- New Jersey State Plumbing Inspectors Association, Inc.
- New Jersey State Municipal Prosecutors Association
- American Public Works Association – New Jersey Chapter
- Governmental Purchasing Association of New Jersey
- Community Recreation Society of New Jersey
- Registrars Association of New Jersey
- Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association of New Jersey
- Municipal Welfare Association of New Jersey