

**Mayor Dennis Sullivan**

Borough of Somerville

25 West End Ave.

Somerville, NJ 08876

Dear High School Junior or Senior,

I invite you to participate in the Louis Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition. The New Jersey State League of Municipalities has teamed up with local mayors to offer three \$1000.00 scholarships to the winning essay entries. Please read the instructions carefully, complete the application, write your essay, and if you are a Somerville resident, return all materials to me at the address above. If you live in another town, send your materials to the office of your hometown mayor. All submissions are due no later than April 2, 2021.

Last year I was pleased to receive several quality essays, including one that was judged to be a state semi-finalist, and I would like to repeat or better that performance this year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at either [d32149@optonline.net](mailto:d32149@optonline.net) or 908-907-4319. Continued success in your current term, and good luck in this exciting opportunity.

Yours truly,



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**The Louis Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition  
Application and Selection Process  
(Please keep these instructions with the application)**

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** (or the location designated by your Mayor).

*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 *New Jersey Municipalities* magazine.

## 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 "How has local government played a role in your life regarding the ongoing pandemic?". 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

**Deadline:** Essays must be submitted to your hometown mayor by April 2, 2021

**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 your **hometown** mayor's office.